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MUST-SEE WEB PICK OF THE QUARTER

The screenshot shows a web page from the Kappa Alpha Theta Heritage site. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Home, 150, Exhibits, Notable Thetas, Resources, What's New, and Who We Are. Below the navigation is a banner for "Save the Date JANUARY 27TH, 2020". The main content area features several sections: "Alpha Nikē Response" with a photo of a woman; "Alpha Notable Thetas" with portraits of six women; "Alpha Grand Convention Awards" with a ribbon icon and a list of awards; and "Alpha Historical Documents from the Archives" with two historical documents from 1890 and 1900. On the right side, there's a sidebar with a list of national officers and their terms.

LEARN ABOUT YOUR CHAPTER'S HISTORY!

You may already know that Theta's heritage site explores the story of our Fraternity through our archival collections and exhibits, as well as articles and blogs. But do you know the site also features historical information about your chapter?

Visit heritage.kappaalphatheta.org/page/collegechapters and then choose your chapter name.

You'll find intriguing information on:

- Chapter members who are notable Thetas and/or served as national officers,
- Establishment and reestablishment dates, and
- Grand Convention first-place awards earned by the chapter.

You'll also find historical documents, including articles from the Theta magazine, about your chapter's establishment.

You can even compile a printable chapter heritage report for events such as Founders Day. We think you'll not only enjoy discovering more about your chapter's heritage but about the heritage of other Theta college chapters, too.

Do you believe there's missing information on your chapter's history page? Can you help fill in the gaps? Email archives@kappaalphatheta.org or call Theta headquarters at 800-526-1870.

For questions about the Theta website, please email webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org.

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WHERE WE FIND ONE ANOTHER

"IS THAT CAITLIN FROM *MASTERCHEF*?" A COWORKER ASKED WHEN SHE SAW THE MOCK-UP OF THIS ISSUE'S COVER. "I LOVED HER; SHE DID VERY WELL. I CAN'T BELIEVE CAITLIN'S A THETA!"

BY LIZ APPEL RINCK, *F/BUTLER*, EDITOR

Yes, Caitlin is a Theta: a proud alumna of the Gamma Theta Chapter, a business administration major with a degree from Carnegie Mellon, a dancer dreaming of becoming a Radio City Music Hall Rockette, and a chef who learned to cook as therapy for disordered eating.

And we probably shouldn't be surprised that she's one of our own. In fact, if there's one thing your editor has learned in nearly a quarter century of editing the Theta magazine, it's that we Thetas find one another nearly everywhere! We meet unexpectedly when studying abroad, when traveling within our own countries, when volunteering for other organizations, when training for 5K runs. We meet in airports, boardrooms, and parent/teacher meetings, on sports teams, community task forces, and nonprofit boards.

It is a genuine pleasure, dear reader, to bring you the stories of these connections and encounters on the pages of our magazine. It is—if possible—even more satisfying to acquaint you with Theta sisters, like Caitlin, whom you might not meet otherwise. Sometimes these women are, quite simply, extraordinary, in both their personalities and their accomplishments. Sometimes they have followed their passions, surmounted personal tragedy, or heard a call to leadership.

Two such women will be keynote speakers at Grand Convention 2018 in Orlando. Carrie Hammer, Beta Xi/UCLA, not only creates customizable clothing collections that promote fit and timeless style over trends and size numbers, she also sparked a bit of a revolution with her “role models, not runway models” approach to fashion shows. In response to the death of her daughter in a skiing accident, Tara Storch, Delta Omega/Texas A&M, created a foundation with a goal to change the conversation about organ donation. On pages 20 and 21, and in upcoming issues of this magazine, you can learn more about Grand Convention 2018.

We hope you will also enjoy meeting Monique Quesada, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State, in this issue. Her love of travel and curiosity about the world was ignited by extensive childhood trips with her parents. From studying comparative literature to working as a flight attendant to serving in the US Foreign Service, Monique has lived in nine countries and speaks eight languages. Jan Mathew, Delta/Illinois, the author of her profile, wrote, “Monique is fascinating! Her story could be a book ... or a movie.” For now, that story is an article that begins on page 22.

Another fascinating Theta has been the subject of several books, numerous magazine articles, and at least one PBS special. Although the story of her life and art seems on the surface to resemble a fairytale, Agnès de Mille, Beta Xi/UCLA, overcame daunting obstacles to fulfill her dreams. She served as a source of inspiration to Theta archives 2017 intern, Elle Benak, Gamma deuteron/Ohio Wesleyan, who wrote about Agnès on page 29.

Although they may not be household names—yet!—the 18 recent college graduates who will serve Theta as educational leadership consultants (ELCs) provide critical support for the improvement of college chapter operations across the continent as well as help ensure the successful establishment of new college chapters. You can read more about these young women on page 26.

Just as Agnès de Mille inspired our archives intern and our ELCs inspire college chapter officers, professors at colleges and universities across the US and Canada inspire Theta students. We encourage our members in their intellectual pursuits, and the outstanding faculty program was developed to recognize faculty members who support, challenge, and mentor these women every day. “She has a special way of providing students with direction and encouragement while challenging them to be the best versions of themselves,” reads the statement of nomination for one of these special teachers, and you can read more on page 36.

In addition to introducing you to some of your Theta sisters, this issue doesn't stint on Theta news, including board elections for the 2018-2020 biennium, the establishment of two new college chapters, and an exciting exhibit at the site of our founding, DePauw University.

In fact, we hope there's something of interest on these pages for everyone!

ON THE COVER: Caitlin Jones *F/BUTLER*/Carnegie Mellon, *MasterChef* (Season 8) contestant.

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW, KAPPA ALPHA THETA EXISTS TO NURTURE EACH MEMBER THROUGHOUT HER COLLEGE AND ALUMNA EXPERIENCE AND TO OFFER LIFELONG OPPORTUNITY FOR SOCIAL, INTELLECTUAL, AND MORAL GROWTH AS SHE MEETS THE HIGHER AND BROADER DEMANDS OF MATURE LIFE.

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Notices:

Because Kappa Alpha Theta is not an officially recognized student group at Harvard, Santa Clara, and Georgetown Universities, these schools prohibit using “Harvard,” “Santa Clara,” or “Georgetown” in any published reference to our Zeta Xi, Eta Lambda, and Theta Iota Chapters.

THETA AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Earlier this year, many Thetas were shocked and saddened by news accounts of a rape on a college campus. The victim was a member of Theta, and she ultimately committed suicide. The story was heartbreaking.

It is challenging to have conversations around sexual violence. It can be especially challenging for women (or women's groups) to think about how they can work in a meaningful way to end sexual assault when we are often not the perpetrators. It can be difficult to develop educational programming that goes beyond reducting risk and supporting survivors. Directing efforts through a primary prevention lens that focuses on our engagement in ending rape-supportive culture empowers us all to take a role in ending sexual violence.

Theta requires college chapters to attend or host a program on sexual violence annually. The requirements for the program are reviewed each summer, and we consult with professionals to be sure it is in line with best practices in the field.

Theta also offers an award-winning mental health initiative called Sisters Supporting Sisters. Among the resources it offers are a free hotline that college members and advisors can call to talk to a licensed counselor. (This resource is sponsored by Theta Foundation.) We continually review, evaluate, and seek to improve our communication about Sisters Supporting Sisters, as well as campus and local/online resources so our members are aware that help exists. You can learn more on Theta's website ([alumnae>programs>sisters supporting sisters](#)).



Kappa Alpha Theta is also member of the Greek Leadership Council of the It's On Us organization in order to raise awareness and increase action to end sexual assault. You can learn more about It's On Us by visiting their website, [www.itsonus.org](#).

It is *never* someone's fault for being assaulted. It is the fault of the perpetrator and the individuals helping to facilitate the assault. You can help change the culture with everyday tangible actions and by getting involved in prevention efforts to create a movement supporting women and challenging the current culture in which we live.

If you have questions, concerns, and ideas about Theta's educational approach, please contact Director of Education & Leadership Melissa Shaub, mshaub@kappaalphatheta.org.

THETA AND SOCIAL MEDIA

In August, we were dismayed to learn of a Twitter account named @ThetaClaire that was posting racist and hateful tweets in support of the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. Based on the photograph and information provided in the Twitter profile, we were able to conduct an investigation and confirm with near certainty that this person has never been a member of Kappa Alpha Theta. He or she



was originally using the handle @thetaclaire, but closed that account after supposedly receiving death threats. He or she then transferred the account to @thetaclair and deleted many of the most offensive tweets, but soon resumed posting on the new account. We reported the account to Twitter, but—unfortunately—we were told the use of "Theta" in the name of the Twitter handle is not enough to justify their shutting down the account.

After sharing this experience with staff members at other women's and men's fraternities and sororities, we discovered that another women's group went through the same ordeal last year (down to the Twitter user being named "Clair"), and we believe our "troll" was the same person or group of people. It seems a group on Twitter has been seeking to disseminate hateful information by impersonating sorority women. We closely monitored this situation and made multiple Twitter posts to clarify that this person is not associated with Theta in any way.

Social media is a pervasive presence in the twenty-first century. We not only work diligently to guard Theta's reputation but provide resources to help our college members understand the influence of social media on the ways their chapters—as well as themselves—are viewed by the outside world.

THETA AND GEN Z

In case you're unfamiliar with the term "Gen Z," it refers to the women who are Theta's newest members. Generation Z, or Gen-Zers, born in the mid-1990s to the early 2000s, currently make up more than 25 percent of the American population.



According to a recent national survey by Northeastern University of young people aged 16 to 19, Gen-Zers are the first generation to have no understanding of life without technology and devices. They see technology and creativity as "important and intersecting aspects of their identity." Survey respondents were most likely to answer "smart" and "creative" when asked to choose words that best describe themselves;

Social media is the research tool of choice for Gen-Zers, multi-tasking across up to five screens is their norm, being culturally connected is critical, their social circles are global, they see society as blended, and they intend to make a difference and impact the world.

When it comes to higher education and building a promising future, Gen-Zers are convinced that college is essential. They are mostly enthusiastic for their futures, but half said that they feel "nervous," and more than a quarter feel "unprepared" for college and careers. Fully two-thirds of those surveyed said they were "concerned" about being able to afford college.

Gen-Zers learn best by "doing and creating." in fact, creativity will play an integral role in the future workforce, as many students believe they will be creating things in their future careers.

WRITE TO US!

Do you have a comment about an article in this or any other issue of *The Magazine*? Do you know an accomplished Theta who would be a good subject for a profile article? Do you have a Theta issue on your mind?

Then let us hear from you! We are pleased to receive letters from our readers; we value your input. Correspondence by regular mail or email may be sent to the editor. (Addresses are listed on page 2.)

WHAT'S NEW?

Is there some exciting news about yourself or your chapter that you'd like to share with other Thetas? Let us know! A submission form may be found in *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine* area of the Theta website, or you may send items via email or snail mail to the editor. Addresses are listed on page 2. Please include your name and chapter of affiliation with each submission.

REUNIONS

Learn about upcoming reunions at [kappaalphatheta.org/whatsnew/events/reunions.cfm](#).

PLANNING A REUNION?

Place a reunion notice in *The Magazine*. Mail a brief notice to Reunions, *The Kappa Alpha Theta Magazine*, 8740 Founders Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268, and email webmaster@kappaalphatheta.org.

Notices for reunions to be held May through July must be received by January 31; for August through October, received by April 11; for November through January, received by July 11; and for February through April, by October 23.

"I AM A THETA" IS SOMETHING WE ALL SAY WITH PRIDE, WHETHER WE JUST RECEIVED A BID DAY CARD OR A 75-YEAR MEMBER PIN. THE FONDNESS WE HAVE FOR THETA COMES FROM OUR OWN EXPERIENCES—THE PEOPLE WE MEET, THE TIME WE SPEND TOGETHER, AND THE STORIES WE TELL. THESE STORIES ARE WHAT



CONNECT US TO ONE ANOTHER AND STRENGTHEN OUR SISTERHOOD. WE ALL HAVE A THETA STORY TO TELL. TAKE JUST A MINUTE TO REMEMBER ONE OF YOURS, AND SHARE IT AT KAPPAALPHATHETA.ORG. YOU CAN ALSO READ THETA STORIES SUBMITTED BY OTHER MEMBERS.

IN MY FIRST SEMESTER OF FRESHMAN YEAR, WHEN I THOUGHT OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY, I SAW ORANGE. NOW, A SEMESTER OLDER, WHEN I THINK OF MY BELOVED "CUSELAND," I SEE A HOUSE ON WALNUT STREET WITH ITS BIG BEAUTIFUL PORCH AND MY GUITAR RESTING ON ONE OF THE PATIO CHAIRS. I SEE THETA.

When I went through recruitment during my second semester, I had no clue I would meet women who would encourage all my endeavors—from remarkably dull to “are you kidding?” crazy—whether it be figuring out Excel or buying and learning to play a banjo.

In Chi Chapter, not only did I find the sisters I could laugh, study, and have too much fun with, I found the people I wasn’t afraid to cry in front of. I met people I have absolute faith in, people I could spill the contents of my soul to with no fear of judgement. Until Theta, I didn’t know people like that existed, and I never could have imagined I would get to call them my friends.

In Theta, I found 200 women I look up to; I found 200 women I’d be proud to be like one day; I found 200 strong, intelligent, true leading women.

If you want a family that adores you, flaws and all, if you want a team that will push you to be better than your best, a friend to eat lunch with, a shoulder to cry on, and people to talk with about anything at two in the morning ... well, I hope you find Kappa Alpha Theta.

I know I have a lot of life to live and to learn, but I found a home I never want to leave. I found faith, I found hope, and most importantly—I found love. I found Chi and fell in love. I am forever changed.

Allie Westbrook, X/Syracuse, is a sophomore.

FALL OR SPRING, FORMAL OR INFORMAL, THERE'S NO ONE RIGHT WAY TO FIND YOUR HOME!

In the years leading up to college, I knew I wanted to join a sorority. Formal recruitment at my school was at the end of the fourth week of classes, so I became involved with other things first. I joined the women’s rugby team, and my teammates very quickly became some of my best friends. I went

SHARE STORIES

Visit the I Am a Theta area of kappaalphatheta.org to browse our stories and learn more about submitting your own. (Login required for submissions.)



Allie Westbrook X/Syracuse



Ashley Bolger, Λ/Vermont

through one round of recruitment and decided that being in a sorority wasn’t what I wanted anymore. I spent the whole semester bonding with and making incredible memories with my teammates and other friends, but ... something was missing. I felt that I was missing out on a values-based organization, opportunities for community service, and a lifelong sisterhood.

A few weeks into my spring semester, I decided to participate in informal recruitment. While I had three choices of sororities during informal recruitment, I decided to go only to Theta because I had met members during that first round of formal recruitment, and I remembered how genuine and authentic they seemed. I could see myself at Theta.

The first night of recruitment, I was a little intimidated. There were more girls participating than I thought, and I thought there was no way I would get a bid. All my nervousness melted away, however, when I heard a Theta talking about one of my rugby teammates with whom she’s also friends. I awkwardly inserted myself into the conversation, which ended up feeling so natural, as did ones with every sister I talked to after that. I even talked to a girl who remembered talking to me for just a few minutes at formal recruitment months before. I met a diverse range of girls and loved that Theta embraced everyone’s differences.

The actual recruitment process felt so natural and not stressful at all, but since I ended up loving Theta so much (more even than I thought I would), I was nervous that they wouldn’t like me as much as I liked them. Saturday morning was the last round, and we would find out if we were to get a bid soon after we left. Again, I had a great time meeting new girls and this time getting a tour of the beautiful house.

Of course, you know the end of this story. I have made amazing friends, met my wonderful big, and become a more driven and focused individual since joining Kappa Alpha Theta. I love being a part of two organizations—rugby and Theta—that challenge me, support me, and make me a better person. I don’t regret how or when I joined Theta, and I would encourage anyone on the fence about joining a sorority to give it a try and find her home, whether it be formally or informally.

Ashley Bolger, Λ/Vermont is a junior.



A FRATERNITY
OF 200,000
LEADING WOMEN.

SOUNDS LIKE
A SOLID
INVESTMENT.

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Kappa Alpha Theta supports women in becoming their best—throughout their lives. As a leading membership organization, Theta provides transformative experiences for undergraduate and alumnae members. Experiential learning takes place at programs like the Emerging Leaders Institute, CEO Leadership Academy, and the Theta service trips. The Educational Leadership Consultant program provides peer-based support and mentoring. All members have access to award-winning mental health support services, and hundreds of Thetas each year get the opportunity to strive for their fullest potential with financial assistance from Theta Foundation's scholarship and grants programs.

When you donate to Theta Foundation's Annual Fund, you give Kappa Alpha Theta the resources to offer these programs and promote lifelong learning. You invest in our sisters and their ability to become their best and grow as global citizens and changemakers.

Theta is strong because you make our sisterhood strong. With your support, Thetas will continue to spread the widest influence for good and embrace their ambitions. Invest in these leading women with your annual gift to Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation.

To make your annual investment in the women of Kappa Alpha Theta, please visit GivetoTheta.org.



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2018 Founders Day and Friendship Fund Message

What does Theta sisterhood look like? How does it feel? How can we define an undefinable connection?

The strength of our bond across miles, years, and tears is a blessing.

Not only do I have my chapter sisters to learn on, I have women across the world—who don't even know me—who I can lean on. Theta as a whole is bigger than I thought possible.

For the women who wrote the heartfelt words above, the essence of sisterhood is represented by Theta's Friendship Fund. Gifts to the Friendship Fund are traditionally made on Founders Day, and as we approach Founders Day each year, I find myself reflecting on what sisterhood means to me. It has never meant more—and in so many ways—than this year. In this, my last Founders Day message to you, I hope you will indulge the intimacy of a somewhat more personal tone.

It has been an emotionally challenging year. The transition of my nuclear family from living under one roof to living in three different cities has certainly taken its toll. Then a dear friend and sister passed away, and my hometown was devastated by a horrific natural disaster. Suffice it to say that 2017 certainly felt as though I was living in an unending valley of shadows.

The light shining through the darkness, though, is the sisterhood I not only witnessed but also experienced. Theta and Panhellenic sisters alike have supported me and others in ways too countless to name. I was reminded this year of the power of a thoughtful email, card, or letter. I gained renewed

appreciation for the depth of the Panhellenic spirit. And I was especially awed by the tangible impact we had, acting collectively, in our sisters' hours of need in the aftermath of some of the worst natural and other disasters our country has experienced. The Friendship Fund letters from both sponsors and recipients have been heart-wrenching, but the power of the Friendship Fund and the love and sisterhood it represents have been beyond heartwarming.

There are many organizations we can join as collegians and alumnae. What sets Kappa Alpha Theta apart is the bond of sisterhood we share, the life-long links between each of us. As we commemorate Bettie Locke, Alice Allen, Bettie Tipton, and Hannah Fitch and the gift they gave to us, I encourage you to reflect. What does sisterhood mean to you?

Loyally,

Laura W Doerre

Laura Ware Doerre,
ΔE/North Carolina
Fraternity President



THE FRIENDSHIP FUND

Created in 1926, the Friendship Fund provides gifts to Thetas experiencing extreme financial hardship due to devastating circumstances such as illness, job loss, and natural disaster. The Friendship Fund demonstrates in a tangible way the love and support we offer one another. Just as drops of water, when adhering closely together, have the strength to move mountains, so do Thetas, when working together, have the strength to change lives.

Traditionally, most gifts to the Friendship Fund are made on Founders Day; the suggested contribution is \$1 per year of membership. Another important tradition is the secrecy surrounding the giving of gifts. Two members write on the behalf of a sister, and the Friendship Fund committee determines the award amount. The requesters remain anonymous, and all records are confidential.

For more information about requesting help from the Friendship Fund for a Theta sister, please contact friendshipfund@kappaalphatheta.org or call 888-526-1870, ext. 140.

Gifts to the Friendship Fund may be made by checks payable to Kappa Alpha Theta, with "Friendship Fund" written on the memo line, and mailed to Kappa Alpha Theta, 8740 Founders Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46268, attn.: Friendship Fund. (These gifts are not tax-deductible.)

THETA SISTERHOOD

Do you have a story of sisterhood you'd like to share? Please turn to page 28 to learn how.

Welcome Home

THIS AUTUMN, WE'RE CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE KAPPA ALPHA THETA FRATERNITY HOUSING CORPORATION. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FHC!

SINCE 2007, OUR HOUSING CORPORATION HAS PROVIDED AND MAINTAINED SAFE, COMPETITIVE, AND DESIRABLE HOMES FOR OUR COLLEGIANS. FHC FACILITIES NOT ONLY ENHANCE THE SISTERHOOD OF OUR COLLEGE MEMBERS, THEY ALSO FOSTER ALUMNAE AFFINITY AND SUPPORT THE HEALTH, HERITAGE, AND FUTURE OF OUR COLLEGE CHAPTERS.

TO CELEBRATE THIS MILESTONE,
**HERE ARE FHC'S TOP TEN
 MOMENTS OF THE PAST
 TEN YEARS.**





Beta Gamma/Colorado State



Phi/Pacific

- 10** FHC interior designer **Jennifer Coleman, Delta Epsilon/Arizona State**, developed a custom Theta fabric collection that is used for FHC upholstery and home furnishings. An adorable totebag using this fabric is available for purchase! Go to kappaalphathetahousing.org/shop to learn more.
- 9** Later this year, we'll begin sending annual reports in addition to annual newsletters. We want to help alumnae stay connected to FHC and their chapter houses.
- 8** Our outstanding team of experienced interior designers includes staff and volunteers! Our volunteers donate their time to Theta and are professional architects and residential and commercial designers. **Rachel Stoll, Gamma Nu/North Dakota State** is a fan of FHC's designers: "The main floor renovations are amazing, and it is still hard to believe that this is our home! All the changes are modern and classy, but also fun and truly match our chapter's personality."
- Kelsi Navalta, Phi/Pacific** chief recruiting officer, said, "I could cry the best tears a CRO could cry. Thank you so much for everything and helping us to better show the world exactly what our chapter is like. We appreciate all that you do for Phi Chapter and Thetas everywhere!"
- 7** Four new builds are coming soon! (**Gamma Iota/Kentucky, Delta Omicron/Alabama, Theta Theta/NC State, and Theta Nu/Georgia Tech**)
- 6** We're introducing new technology and custom-designed items in our facilities.
- 5** We've invested more than \$16 million in FHC chapter renovations!
- 4** We're growing for even better service. We started with two staff members and now have a staff of eight.
- 3** Three Theta chapters (**Tau/Northwestern, Alpha Eta/Vanderbilt, and Beta Delta/Arizona**) are featured in a *Town and Country Magazine* online article about the 15 top sorority houses in the country.
- 2** We're recognized for great services. We started with two chapters in 2007; as of October 2017, 85 chapters participate in FHC. That is 58 percent of all Theta college chapters.
- 1** The FHC website—featuring renovations, benefits, and the ability to learn more about FHC—won second place for best Specific Purpose Website at the 2017 Fraternity Communications Awards. Check out <https://kappaalphathetahousing.org>.



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UNC CHARLOTTE SACRED HEART

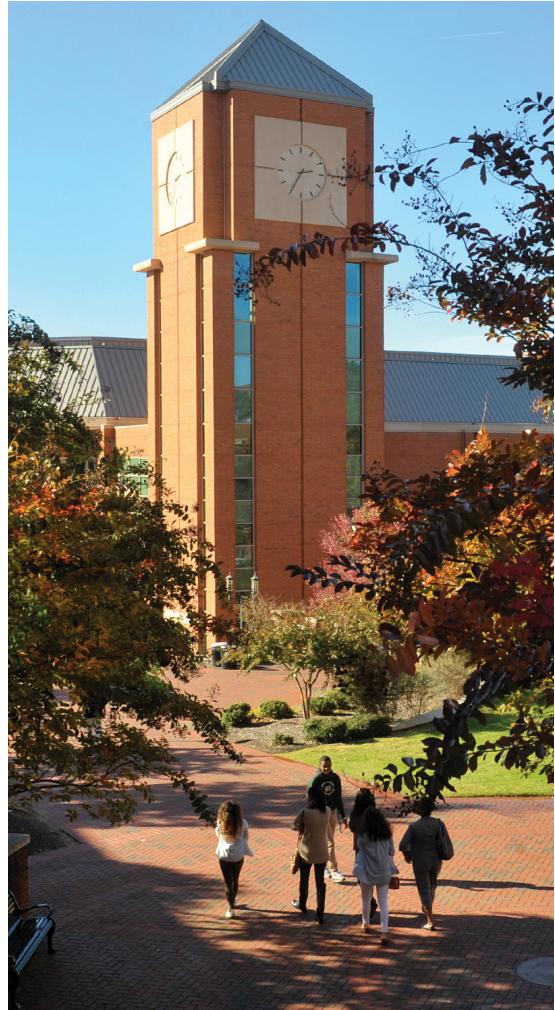
OUR THETA FAMILY IS GROWING! IN NOVEMBER, WE'LL WELCOME NEW CHAPTERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE AND SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY. LOOK FOR NEWS AND PHOTOS FROM THE INSTALLATION CELEBRATIONS IN THE WINTER 2018 ISSUE OF THE THETA MAGAZINE.



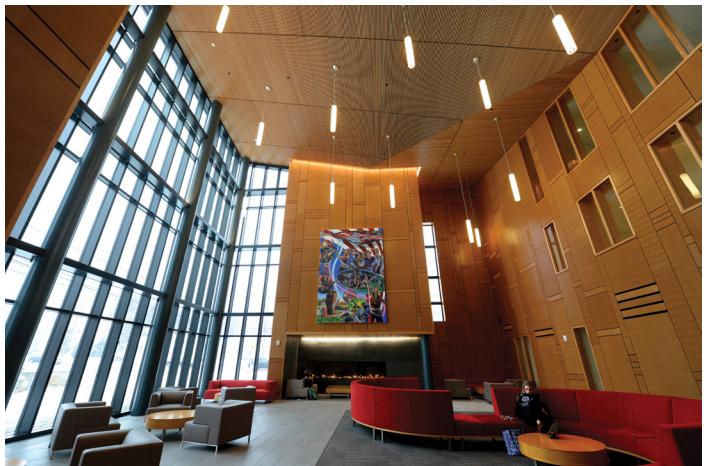
ΘO/UNC CHARLOTTE

Founded in 1946 as the Charlotte Center of the University of North Carolina, UNC Charlotte is a public research facility located in its namesake city. It offers 23 doctoral, 64 master's, and 140 bachelor's degree programs through seven colleges located on three campuses. The main campus sits on 1,000 wooded acres about eight miles from uptown Charlotte.

Greek organizations at UNC Charlotte make up the largest student groups on campus, and membership within the fraternity and sorority community continues to climb each semester. Theta will join Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Sigma Kappa, and Zeta Tau Alpha in the campus Panhellenic Association.



HIGH



Sacred Heart
UNIVERSITY

ΘΠ/SACRED HEART

A private Catholic university located in Fairfield, Connecticut, Sacred Heart is the second largest Catholic university in New England and the first to be staffed by the laity. Founded in 1963, it offers more than 70 degree programs at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels. Sacred Heart boasts international campuses in Ireland and Luxembourg, as well as study-abroad opportunities in Italy, Australia, Spain, Bermuda, and the Bahamas.

Students at Sacred Heart represent 34 countries and all 50 states, including the District of Columbia. The student body is 67 percent female. Theta will join the campus Panhellenic Council, which also comprises Alpha Delta Pi, Chi Omega, Delta Zeta, Kappa Delta, Phi Sigma Sigma, Theta Phi Alpha, and Zeta Tau Alpha.



DEEPER CONNECTIONS

BY LAUREN MCCARTY PALMER, B/INDIANA

Kelly Stafford, HXi/Quinnipiac

As a pediatric occupational therapist, **Kelly Stafford, Eta Xi/Quinnipiac**, truly gets to “play” for a living. Stafford helps children learn and grow, and she supports their parents, families, and teachers in better understanding and furthering their development.

Stafford was born prematurely, and her career path reflects her own experiences as a child. “Many people are familiar with speech therapy and physical therapy, but less familiar with occupational therapy as a discipline,” she said. “All three disciplines work cohesively, and OTs specifically work toward functional goals that impact daily living. In the pediatric world, that translates to anything that impacts play and learning as the ‘occupations’ of childhood,” she said.

Stafford’s Theta story began when she got the opportunity to join the charter class at the Eta Xi Chapter at Quinnipiac. “Establishing a new chapter with such a prestigious and well-respected organization felt really special,” she said. “I didn’t know the first thing about Greek life except for the stigmas surrounding it, but I was feeling bored and yearning for more out of my college experience in terms of building deeper connections and finding a way to give back on campus and in the community. Theta was just what I needed at the time, and turned out to be much more than I could have hoped for. As I spent more time around like-minded women, I knew Theta was home for me,” she said.

As an alumna, Stafford’s Theta journey has continued in several volunteer roles. Unlike many young Life Loyal

members, Stafford’s membership was not a gift: she bought it for herself. “Purchasing a Life Loyal membership felt like a tangible way to sustain my lifelong connection with Theta. There is this spoken/unspoken connection among other Theta women that is so compelling to be around; ultimately, the people and those connections are what bring me back.”

Theta values and leadership skills have been crucial to her career path, said Stafford. “Theta really helped me harness my strengths and understand how to best apply myself in the professional world. I learned better time management, how to lead with courage and compassion, and interpersonal communication skills that will stick with me forever,” she said. Stafford has also started doing more speaking engagements and credits Theta with helping her hone public speaking skills. “I developed the confidence to stand in front of a group and speak from my heart,” she said.

Stafford feels the Theta experience is as valuable and relevant as ever in today’s culture and world. “The opportunity to be a part of a sisterhood where you have a platform to build and develop personal and professional life skills, all the while knowing that you’re surrounded by other women of all generations to lift you up, inspire you, push you to become a better version of yourself and dream of the possibilities that lie ahead—to me; there’s no value you can place on that. I’m not sure it’s ever been so important and relevant to lean on one another, empower one another, and keep encouraging one another to fly.”



BECOME A LIFE LOYAL THETA!

These women enrolled between May 1 and July 31, 2017.

A/DEPAUW

Rachel DeVito
Kerri Elise Hemmigarn

B/INDIANA

Rachel DeVito
Kristina M. Evans
Diane Worl Fields
Laura K. Herron

H/MICHIGAN

Haleigh Youtie

I/CORNELL

Agustina Hobbs
Kaley Nelsen
Chloe Pendergast

K/KANSAS

Grace Cantril

Λ/VERMONT

Kathi Rawnsley

Γ/OHIO WESLEYAN

Summer Tompkins

O/USC

Larke Nimocks
Shannon Nugent
Andrea Helen Villegas

T/NORTHWESTERN

Darlene Robinson Harmon

Υ/MINNESOTA

Talia Dylan Gurstel

Φ/PACIFIC

Jessica Drachenberg

X/SYRACUSE

Meg Walsh

Ψ/WISCONSIN

Lauren Atonio
Lori Fiedler Ochalek

AH/VANDERBILT

Betsy Bugg Holloway

ΑΘ/TEXAS

Mary Bates Bentzen
Carter Fitts

Catherine Brooks Giuffre

Hope Almy Hamilton

Caroline Rose Hunt

Betsy Campbell Norwood

Clara Butcher Poole

Kate Flack Scott

Rebecca Crowder Shatto

Melissa Strock Thurmond

AI/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

Deborah R. Taylor

ΑΛ/WASHINGTON

Jody Cunningham
Valerie Foster Pontiff

AM/MISSOURI

Sue Schroeder Burgess
Jane Patterson Dennison
Gwen Kretzschmar Ford
Aimee Williams Hilliard
Karen Mahan Jenks
MaryLynn McPheeters Lanning
Ellen Miller Preslar
Anne Hutcheson Schaub

ΑΞ/OREGON

Casey Regottaz
Sarah Vivoli

AO/OKLAHOMA

Julie Rohleder Chitwood
Timelyn Cutter Esson
Lisa Forkey Fortier
Heather Postma
Laci Brooks Webb

AP/SOUTH DAKOTA

Deidre Sorensen Budahl
Melody J. Eide

AT/CINCINNATI

Pam Pezor Klaas
Mary M. Melville

ΑΦ/TULANE

Madeleine Howells
Alexis Rose Madormo
Tianna Mantz
Carol M. McDonald
Stefan Streeter Strickland

AX/PURDUE

Elizabeth M. Brown
Janet L. Dinsmore

ΒΔ/ARIZONA

Elena Carter
Elizabeth Dewane

BE/OREGON STATE

Mary Roselli

BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE

Kara Dowling Brown
Alexandra Crawley
Lynda Surguy Hitch
Marilyn Pollock Mooneyham
Judith Pinion Morrison
Janice Ellison Thompson
Annette Pellow Wallace
Betty Haigler Webb

BΗ/PENNSYLVANIA

Aleina Edwards

ΒΘ/IDAHO

Brenna Schaake

ΒΙ/COLORADO

Erin E. Cavanaugh
Rachel Morton

ΒΜ/NEVADA

Grace Miller

ΒΝ/FLORIDA STATE

Jill Wyatt Short-Clark

ΒΠ/Michigan STATE

Kimberly Hill Smith

ΒΣ/SMU

Maurine McCool Bailey
Marcia Ungren Bailey
Carol Owen Beveridge
Lou Whitehead Brown
Kelly Renee Gotchett
Patricia Cecil Edwards
Beverly Swift Harris
Gerry Palmer Holland
Barbara Barnett Johnston
Kathryn Weisbrod Kelly
Mary Alice Collins Markham
Kathleen Zachritz Mullins
Shreya Patel
Susan Hartman Peifer
Roberta Van Zandt Williamson

ΒΤ/DENISON

Samantha Rose Schaff
Sarah Cribbs

ΓΝ/NORTH DAKOTA STATE

Amanda Lee Cribbs

ΓΥ/MIAMI

Leigh Berndsen
Kassie Lynn Dobbs

ΓΦ/TEXAS TECH

Dala Shapley Cathey
Margaret Fincher Mitchell
Carolyn Boles Peacher

ΓΧ/FRESNO STATE

Darah Hall
Patricia Emmert Manning
Kirsten Christina van Solinge
Jennifer Wilson

ΓΨ/TCU

Betsy Ferguson Bailes
Madelyn B. Carter
Janice Harlin Ramsey

ΓΩ/AUBURN

Haley Elizabeth Walraven

ΔΕ/ARIZONA STATE

Amy L. Miletich
Laura Kettleson Sartore

ΔΗ/KANSAS STATE

Stacey Schockmann
Simmons

ΔΚ/LSU

Faith E. Faulkner
Caroline Wallis Goddard
Jordan Qaddourah
Tessa Monique Smith

ΔΛ/UTAH

Jennifer Billman Redmond

ΔΩ/ALABAMA

Jenni Lazenby Legge

ΔΥ/EASTERN KENTUCKY

Cynthia Adams Atwood

ΔΨ/UC RIVERSIDE

Deborah Sue Rosenberg

ΔΩ/TEXAS A&M

Jordan Thomas

ΕΕ/BAYLOR

Kathryn Gleason

ΕΔ/STANFORD

Katherine O'Brien

ΕΣ/MISSISSIPPI

Lauren Boersma

ΕΘ/STETSON

Richelle Mary Braswell

ΕΔ/DICKINSON

Stacia Strousz Gross

ΕΗ/PRINCETON

Crystal Yao

ΕΟ/RANDOLPH-MACON

Madison Oliver

ΕΩ/BUCKNELL

Samantha Rose Schaff

ΕΥ/COLUMBIA

Colette Macari

ΕΦ/CHICAGO

Taylor Marie Fogg

ΕΨ/RICHMOND

Amy Littleson

ΖΗ/WOFFORD

Lillian Fant

ΖΝ/UC DAVIS

Daria Maria Bisharah

ΖΥ/UT DALLAS

Taryn Catherine Kilgore

ΖΩ/WAKE FOREST

Allison Moore Wecks

ΖΤ/DELAWARE

Erin Kelly

ΖΥ/LOYOLA MARYMOUNT

Grace Terry

ΖΩ/JOHNS HOPKINS

Nancy Yager Barry

ΖΦ/PEPPERDINE

Alexis Padilla

ΖΗ/SAN DIEGO

Sofia Elizabeth Espinosa

ΖΗ/JOHN CARROLL

Jill Sullivan

ΖΑ/-

Lindsey Gaan

ΖΕ/STETSON

Claire McBride

ΖΗ/CASE WESTERN

Sarah Murphy

ΖΗ/NC STATE

Alison Rachael Romley

ΖΗ/LOUISVILLE

Katelyn Schendel

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TO-DO LIST

Connect With Theta This Autumn

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CONGRATULATIONS!

YOU WORKED HARD AND PLAYED HARD, AND IT FINALLY PAID OFF. YOU'VE GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE! BUT IT'S AUTUMN, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A **LONG** TIME, YOU'RE NOT IN SCHOOL. ARE YOU FEELING A BIT LOST?

WELL, DON'T FRET! STAYING CONNECTED WITH THETA IS A GREAT WAY TO MAKE YOUR TRANSITION INTO ALUMNA-HOOD THAT MUCH EASIER.

USE OUR TO-DO LIST, BELOW, TO HELP. AND GOOD LUCK, ALUMNA!

1 Change Your Email Address

Your college email address is not permanent, and the email address you will use from now on should reflect your personal and professional brand. Create a new permanent personal email address and update it on Theta's website (log in to kappaalphatheta.org and choose Update Your Personal Information in the list of Related Links on the right.) And while you're at it, update your address, too.

2 Stay Connected

Theta doesn't miss a beat when it comes to social media. Make sure to follow along!



FRATERNITY CHANNELS:

FACEBOOK facebook.com/KappaAlphaTheta

INSTAGRAM instagram.com/Kappa_Alpha_Theta

LINKEDIN linkedin.com/groups85423

TWITTER twitter.com/BettieLocke

THETA FOUNDATION CHANNELS:

FACEBOOK www.facebook.com/ThetaFoundation

TWITTER www.twitter.com/ThetaFoundation

3 Make New Friends

Don't wait for them to come to you; log into kappaalphatheta.org and choose Find a College Chapter or Alumnae Group from the list of Common Quick Links on the left. Reach out to the local contacts to learn more about opportunities for networking, philanthropic projects, social events, and community involvement.



4 Get Involved

In addition to organized alumnae groups, Theta has a multitude of ways to be involved as an alumna. To learn more about opportunities that will fit your schedule and needs, log in to kappaalphatheta.org; under the Alumnae tab, choose Reconnect with Theta and then Volunteer Opportunities. On the same page, you can find an Alumnae Interest Indicator to let Fraternity officers know about your interests.

5 Blaze Your Own Path

Are there no alumnae groups or college advisory boards in your area? Consider starting your own alumnae circle or alumnae chapter! There are plenty of resources on kappaalphatheta.org, including the Alumnae Group Toolkit. Email aluminfo@kappaalphatheta.org for more information on how to get the ball rolling.

6 Go Global

Are you living abroad? Visit Facebook and search for Kappa Alpha Theta Global Alumnae to find Thetas in whatever country you're currently calling home!

7 Start Networking

However you choose to be involved in Theta after graduation, make the most of it! Theta alumnae are a group of seriously talented and accomplished women, so take the time to get to know those in your area. You'll be surprised how eager they are to meet new grads like you!



HI/San Diego

WHAT IS THETA SISTERHOOD?

IS IT A SHOULDER TO CRY ON WHEN CRYING ALONE ISN'T ENOUGH?

IS IT THE VOICE OF REASON WHEN YOU'VE FORGOTTEN HOW TO BE REASONABLE?

IS IT HAPPY MEMORIES OF SPECIAL TIMES?

IS IT SOMEONE WHO'S PROUD OF YOUR SUCCESSES AND SUPPORTIVE WHEN THINGS DON'T GO QUITE RIGHT?

IS IT SOMEONE WHO'S THERE WHEN YOU NEED HER ... EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU NEED?

**TO HELP CELEBRATE OUR YEAR OF SISTERHOOD IN 2018,
WE'D LIKE TO HEAR YOUR STORY OF THETA SISTERHOOD.**

Maybe it's a memory from college.

Maybe it's an anecdote from many years after college.

Maybe it's contact information for another Theta who has a wonderful sisterhood story.

Maybe it's a photograph. Maybe it's a poem!

Please send your thoughts or images depicting Theta sisterhood to Theta's director of communications, Liz Appel Rinck, lrinck@kappaalphatheta.org.

You may send a photo and caption, a story idea, or a complete story (no more than 700 words, please!). We look forward to hearing from you by **December 22**.

Former Fraternity President Norma Anderson Jorgensen, TZ/Connecticut, had this to say about sisterhood: "It can't be weighed, measured, decorated, remodeled, bought, sold, leased, inherited, or sometimes put into words. It has no dollar value. It is more a feeling than a state of being."

That was sisterhood to Norma. What is Theta sisterhood TO YOU?



As members of Kappa Alpha Theta, we are women who lead. We lead campus organizations, community boards, not-for-profit agencies, committees and task forces, government agencies, teams, businesses, and Kappa Alpha Theta.

Kappa Alpha Theta Governing Boards

Kappa Alpha Theta has three governing boards: **Grand Council**, **Foundation Board of Trustees**, and **Fraternity Housing Corporation Board of Directors**. The members of these boards not only have the responsibility to establish the strategic vision and supervise the business and affairs of the Fraternity, Foundation, and Fraternity Housing Corporation Board respectively but also to collaboratively examine the environment in which we operate to determine the strategic direction of our organization.

GRAND COUNCIL

Grand Council is the governing body of the Fraternity. Council members are volunteers who are responsible for the strategic vision of Kappa Alpha Theta. The board serves as the governing body of the Fraternity in the interim between Grand Conventions, supervising its business and affairs, including but not limited to:

- approving the budget and major financial plans;
- granting chapter charters; and
- enacting laws, policies, and procedures governing the Fraternity, chapters, corporations, and its members.

The elected members of Grand Council are the Fraternity president and six Fraternity vice presidents. The president and one vice president serve as Theta Foundation trustees, and one Council member serves as a director of the Fraternity Housing Corporation (FHC).



LEADING WOMEN: ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THETA?

BY KATIE BUSBY, EZ/MISSISSIPPI

FOUNDATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation was founded nearly 60 years ago to secure and manage resources that support Theta programs and members' scholastic, professional, and service aspirations. A board of up to 13 trustees, including elected trustees plus the Fraternity president and one Fraternity vice president, govern the Foundation. Trustees' responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- managing the scholarship and chapter and individual grant programs,
- conducting fundraising campaigns,
- publishing an annual report to share our successes and needs, and
- furthering the public awareness of Theta Foundation.

The Foundation president is an ex officio member of Grand Council.

FRATERNITY HOUSING CORPORATION BOARD

The Fraternity Housing Corporation exists to provide safe, competitive, and desirable facilities to enhance the college membership experience and is governed by a five-member board of directors. The two elected members of the FHC Board, together with the appointed members of the board, advance long-range planning to maintain and improve facility assets and execute the duties of:

- ensuring college chapters have safe and competitive housing,
- ensuring all stakeholders understand the reason the FHC exists, and
- enhancing the FHC's public image.

Serving on a Governing Board

Members of all boards contribute their time, experience, skills, and financial support to Kappa Alpha Theta. Most importantly, these volunteers advance the ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta by setting strategic direction and vision. The board on which they serve determines the specific focus of these efforts.

If you are a Theta alumna in good standing with board-level experience and/or skills, please consider making yourself available as a candidate for board service. If you have time and talents to contribute, you would find it an honor and privilege to work in a unique governance setting with other extraordinary Theta women who have committed themselves to influence the future course of Kappa Alpha Theta.

In a few short months, it will be time to begin the nomination processes for Grand Council, Foundation Board of Trustees, and FHC Board of Directors. Additional information about board service and the nomination process, including deadlines and forms, will be available on the Fraternity's and Foundation's websites.

Claudia Kobetitch

A THETA OF NOTE

AS AN INTERN IN THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS SECTOR OF THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL IN VANCOUVER, CLAUDIA KOBETITCH, BY/BRITISH COLUMBIA, HELPED LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN CALLED *DRIVE OUT HUMAN TRAFFICKING*. THE GOALS OF THE CAMPAIGN ARE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE PREVALENCE OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ABOUT HOW THEY CAN HELP STOP IT.

WHY DID YOU START THE *DRIVE* CAMPAIGN?

I was inspired by the work other cities have done to help end human trafficking and saw that there was an opportunity to start a campaign in Vancouver. The campaign reflects the US Department of State's goal to combat human trafficking and to support anti-trafficking efforts with partners around the world. Supported by my colleagues, I was able to involve US and Canadian law enforcement agencies, faith-based organizations, and charities in the support of this campaign, and I am excited to see it evolve after I finish my internship.

YOU'VE INTERNED IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS; WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A CAREER IN THAT FIELD?

I have absolutely loved my time interning in public affairs, but I am also very excited to reach out into other fields. I am drawn to issues of national security and foreign relations, as well as public policy, so there are a lot of different ways my career path can go! However, in whatever field of work I pursue, it is important to me to help contribute to the empowerment of women and girls.

WHAT CAREER WOULD YOU NOT LIKE TO PURSUE?

I would not like to have a career in aviation because I am terrified of flying. I am such a nervous flyer that I once actually screamed when my plane hit a little bit of turbulence.

TELL US SOMETHING THAT THETAS IN THE U.S. PROBABLY DON'T KNOW ABOUT VANCOUVER.

Vancouver has some of the best fusion food around. Forty-one percent of Vancouver's population is made up of immigrants, and the diversity of the city is reflected in the food. Where else can you find Korean-style tacos?

"LOOKING AT ME, NO ONE WOULD GUESS..."

I used to want to be a firefighter. I even went to two firefighting camps when I was in high school, where I learned to rappel off the side of a building, drag a weighted dummy out of a house while geared up and blindfolded, and to extinguish a fire while laying on my stomach because only a few inches of the room is visible above the ground due to thick smoke. Unfortunately, I learned through this that I am claustrophobic and that having my too-large firefighters' pants duct-taped around my waist everyday was not much fun!

WHAT TALENT DO YOU WISH YOU HAD?

I wish I could pick up new languages faster. I am embarrassed by my appalling pronunciation to such an extent that I keep putting off the language requirement that I need for graduation!

WHAT DO YOU VALUE IN YOUR FRIENDS?

I value the kindness of my friends. Their support, encouragement, and optimism keep me going even when I can't see the good in a situation.

WHAT IS YOUR FONDEST THETA MEMORY?

My fondest Theta memory is when my big and I vacationed in Cabo. It was an incredibly wild and exciting week, and without Theta I would never have met her.



Claudia Kobetitch,
BY/British Columbia

"It is important to me to help contribute to the empowerment of women and girls."

A MASTERCHEF AND A...

LEADING WOMAN

CAITLIN JONES, ΓΘ/CARNEGIE MELLON

BY LAUREN McCARTY PALMER, B/INDIANA

In high school, Caitlin Jones found a love for cooking by recreating recipes from her favorite Food Network chefs. "I'd marathon-watch shows with Giada De Laurentiis, Bobby Flay, Ina Garten, Rachael Ray, and Tyler Florence," she said. "After watching what they cooked, I'd go online and print out the recipes. My mom still jokes, 'I didn't teach you to cook, but I did a good job teaching you to read. Now you can read recipes!'"

Her time in the kitchen also provided emotional healing. "I struggled with disordered eating habits, and my relationship with food quickly went from dangerously negative to extremely positive—primarily through cooking," said Jones.

She recalls appearing on *MasterChef* as a surreal experience. "It was a long audition process that culminated in essentially leaving my job, my apartment, and my entire life to be flown out to LA. I could have stayed for a week, several months, or anywhere in between."

Jones said the actual filming of the show is not quite what you'd expect. "Sometimes I'll remember a certain challenge being really dramatic and difficult for me or my team, but the episode features another chef's struggles in the kitchen, and I'm thinking, PHEW!"

The most challenging part of being on the show, Jones said, was not knowing in advance what she would be cooking and being unsure how the judges would respond to her best effort. "Getting criticized



Caitlin Jones, ΓΘ/Carnegie Mellon

by Gordon Ramsay can be tough, but as a dancer, I'm used to incorporating feedback into my work," she said. "It feels very worthwhile when you improve, are praised for it, and the world has watched you grow!"

Her dance background also helped Jones feel comfortable in the spotlight. She was a member of Pittsburgh's arena football league dance team, The Sparks, during her junior and senior years of college. A few months before graduation, she accepted a position on the Brooklyn Nets NBA dance team, The Brooklynettes.

Now that *MasterChef* filming has wrapped, Jones has turned her attention to blogging, sharing her passion for Paleo cooking at www.paleostateofmindblog.com. She is also training in ballet and musical theater several times a week to prepare to audition for the Radio City Rockettes. "Hundreds of dancers from around the world audition every year for only a few available spots, so wish me luck!" In the future, she plans to move back to Pittsburgh to open a dance studio for children.

Straddling the worlds of both culinary and performance arts, Jones knows it takes confidence to make risky career choices, and she credits Theta for that confidence. "Theta continues to influence my life through the lifelong friendships I made. We stay in touch not because we are sisters and therefore feel obligated, but because we share the same core values. We have fun together when times are good and are there for each other when times are bad. I can honestly say I am the person I am today because of Theta."



THETA
LEADING WOMEN



KAPPA ALPHA THETA

GRAND CONVENTION 2018

Ritz Carlton Orlando | June 28—July 1

What a powerful line-up of speakers for Grand Convention 2018! You won't want to miss these Theta leading women: their personal stories will challenge and inspire you.

ANNOUNCING SPEAKERS

Carrie Hammer and Tara Storch



Carrie Hammer

Beta Xi/UCLA

Carrie has been credited with kick-starting the “body positive” movement in the fashion and advertising industries through the creation of her powerful campaign “Role Models Not Runway Models.” She was selected for the Forbes 30 Under 30 list and was named by *Entrepreneur* magazine as one of 15 female entrepreneurs to watch in 2015. Hammer is a graduate and recipient of the inaugural Tory Burch Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program.



Tara Storch

Delta Omega/Texas A&M

Opening up about her journey of finding hope and purpose after the loss of her daughter Taylor, Tara speaks publicly about the importance of organ donation and delivers the powerful “Outlive Yourself” message. As co-founder of Taylor’s Gift Foundation, she utilizes her experience as a marketing professional, award-winning author, and community leader to make an impact on the world around her.



OUR BEST INTERESTS

AS A SENIOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, MONIQUE QUESADA PROMOTES UNITED STATES' POLICIES AND POSITIONS TO DIPLOMATS AROUND THE WORLD, PLUS RECRUITS TALENTED YOUNG PROFESSIONALS TO FOLLOW HER HIGH-PROFILE FOOTPRINTS.

BY JAN SCHMITZ MATHEW, Δ/ILLINOIS

At age ten, Monique Quesada took a trip with her father to meet relatives in his native country, the Republic of the Philippines—an adventure that launched her life's journey. Their overnight flight included a layover in Hawaii, and decades later Quesada still recalls a sense of magic as the huge Pan Am jet flew through a sky bright with constellations.

She was equally enchanted on the ground. A particularly vivid memory is a stroll with her grandfather through the streets of old Manila. They stopped at a local confectionery where Quesada ordered a milkshake. After a bit of confusion, she was served lukewarm milk sweetened with stirred sugar.

"I felt like I had traveled to another planet," said Quesada, Alpha Gamma/Ohio State, of their trip, which also extended to Hong Kong and Japan. "Back at home in Columbus (Ohio), every time I saw a plane fly overhead, I thought of the places it could take me."

"That was the beginning of my quest for a job that would allow me to travel and experience the world. From age ten, my curiosity was on hyperdrive."

Quesada's parents and their stories fueled her inquisitive nature. Her mother's family had immigrated to the United States from Holland after World War II, eventually landing in New Orleans. Her parents met there by chance when her father, then studying petroleum and chemical engineering at the University of Texas, Austin, toured the Crescent City during a school break. After graduation, her father accepted a position as a petroleum engineer for New Jersey Standard Oil in Venezuela, which is where Quesada was born.

Although her father was enthralled by the country's Spanish culture and language and hoped to settle permanently in Venezuela, ongoing civil unrest drove him and his young family back to the United States. He first worked for Gulf Oil in Houston—where Quesada gained her United States citizenship at age eight—before moving to Columbus and joining Columbia Gas as a gas and gas liquids research engineer.

"I have memories of Venezuela and speaking Spanish with friends there and also of Houston, where there was a large Hispanic population," Quesada recalled. "But I lost my Spanish when we moved to Columbus, which was very



Monique Quesada, ΔΓ/Ohio State

homogeneous at the time. I remember classmates telling me my mom and dad had ‘funny accents.’”

Unlike many of her peers, Quesada traveled extensively with her parents. These global adventures, combined with a gypsy spirit, insatiable curiosity, and a passion for service and travel, ultimately pointed her toward her position as a career foreign service officer for the US Department of State. Since 1988, Quesada has divided her career between political affairs and public diplomacy assignments, which have led her to Martinique, Greece, Italy, Morocco, Afghanistan, the United Kingdom, and France. She speaks French, Italian, Spanish, Dari, Arabic, modern Greek, and Portuguese with varying degrees of fluency.

This September, Quesada began working as diplomat in residence (DIR) for all of South Florida—one of only 12 officers in the country to serve in this capacity. For the next two years, she will engage with university and high school students throughout Florida, Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands to raise awareness about career opportunities in the US Foreign Service. She also will keep office hours at Florida International University and Miami Dade College.

“My focus is to recruit more young women and minorities, in order for the Foreign Service Department to more closely resemble the population of the United States,” she said.

“To most people, mine is a mysterious career. But this area offers so many opportunities to find and follow your passion. You can build your own path.”

WORLDS APART

At the Ohio State University (OSU), a love of language drew Quesada to major in French and Spanish literature, and to earn a bachelor of science degree in comparative literature. “I loved reading the classics and analyzing literature,” she says. “The process of placing these works in an artistic and historic context is highly academic, and gave me a disciplined approach to analysis and writing.”

Aligning with a community of like-minded women was equally important. At the final stage of recruitment, Quesada recalls being torn between Kappa Alpha Theta and a smaller sorority. Her choice proved the perfect fit.

“Theta was a big house filled with very accomplished women,” she said. “I decided I could either be a big fish in a small pond, or learn to swim in the ocean. Finding my place in a large organization was a challenge I wanted to live up to, and I knew these women would inspire me to be my best.”

Her Theta sisters also imparted gentle leadership lessons. “I was very focused on academics at the time, and when I served as co-recruitment chairman, I wasn’t always dependable regarding meetings,” Quesada admitted. “When I wanted to run for president, some members questioned my commitment.

“I wanted to be a leader, but I was sacrificing that desire for my personal agenda. That’s a lesson I took into the world—the need to balance your life.”

The stability of Theta and OSU were juxtaposed with exotic summer trips to visit her parents. Throughout her college years, Quesada’s father first worked for Gulf Oil in Nigeria and Iran, and then for Aramco in Saudi Arabia. He continued to work as a petroleum engineer in these countries throughout his career.

“I had never been to a third-world country or seen how people survived in poverty,” she said of Nigeria and Iran. “It was interesting and shocking. I often felt I was living between two different worlds, as most students at Ohio State in the ’70s didn’t go on these types of trips and couldn’t relate to my experiences.”

After graduation, Quesada moved to California, where she earned her master’s degree in comparative literature at the University of California, Berkeley. Her professors encouraged her to pursue a doctorate degree, but Quesada felt it was time to travel the friendly skies instead.

“I wasn’t thrilled with academia, so I decided on a whim to apply for a flight attendant position with Pan Am,” she said. It was a path her mother had paved decades ago, when she worked for the predecessor to Continental Airlines and was nicknamed “The Flying Dutchman.”

Quesada spent nearly eight years with Miami-based Pan Am and often flew to South America, Europe, and Asia. Although she enjoyed the travel, her position wasn’t a means to a specific end.

By 1986, pieces of a different puzzle began to fall into place. Quesada received a letter from a friend in Berkeley, who had recently joined the US Foreign Service and was assigned to Portugal as a press officer. Her curiosity piqued, Quesada got a brochure from the University of Miami and took the required oral and written exams.

“The State Department didn’t recruit women or minorities at that time, and I remember the brochure was filled with pictures of elderly men on assignments around the world,” she said. “Tests were biased toward what men studied, rather than gender-neutral, and all of the oral examiners were male.” A group of women eventually filed, and won, a class action suit against the State Department. The ruling required the department to re-examine testing, recruiting, and promotion policies.

Quesada passed the examinations in 1988 and spent the next year in entry-level professional training at the US Department of State in Washington, DC. “I came into (foreign services) as a flight attendant and thought I’d just have fun with it,” she said. “I never intended to become a consulate or ambassador; I simply kept doing whatever interested me.”

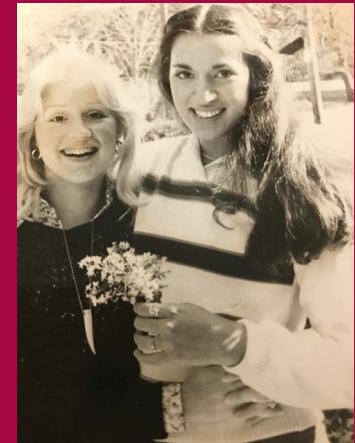
“If you don’t know what you want to do at age 21, don’t worry. Just make certain that you always follow your passions.”

TALL MARCHING ORDERS

Although packed with opportunity—career-track options include political, economic, management, consular, and public affairs—foreign service comes with a price. Assignments and locations change at least every three years, and officers pledge worldwide availability: a position in Afghanistan, South Sudan, or Saudi Arabia is as likely as one in Rome or Athens.

“I had to accept that I’d miss holidays and a lot of time with family,” Quesada said. “Not everyone is willing to make that sacrifice. And although there’s support from the embassies, you must be independent and able to adapt to a wide range of conditions.”

Quesada started as a political officer, and her assignments on this track took her to Martinique, where she analyzed



Monique with little sister Candace Jones Portmann at Alpha Gamma.

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From left: Quesada honoring WWII veterans in France; working as an international flight attendant for Pan Am Airlines; planting trees in Afghanistan in 2011.

political and economic trends in the French Overseas Department of Martinique, Guadeloupe, and French Guyana; Washington, DC, where she served as Macedonia desk officer and managed the process of establishing diplomatic relations with the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; and to the US Embassy in Rome, where she was responsible for Italy's external policy portfolio in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia. She also met the king of Afghanistan, who was exiled in Rome at the time, and helped strategize his return to Afghanistan as a stabilizing political force.

"The assignments were exciting, but I wasn't quite satisfied," Quesada admitted. "I equated it to being in graduate school for the rest of your life: you arrive in a country, learn the language, figure out the political structure and the issues important to this geography, and next analyze how those issues relate to United States' interests."

By contrast, colleagues in public affairs worked to influence public opinion through fostering relationships with students, journalists, authors, and artists. "Coming from a literature background, this was more up my alley—speaking in public and bringing prominent speakers to different countries."

Switching career tracks required investment and commitment. Quesada completed a two-year training program in Modern Standard Eastern Arabic, first in Arlington, Virginia, and then in Tunisia. She was next assigned as information officer for the US Embassy in Rabat, Morocco, from 2003 to 2006. In this capacity, she managed the embassy's relations with the Moroccan press and also created training programs for Moroccan journalists on press freedom and professional ethics.

Following that assignment, Quesada was accepted to the public affairs track and moved to Rome as deputy cultural attaché for the US Embassy. A key focus there was an Italy-wide strategic program to engage Italian Muslim first- and second-generation immigrants, build networks of moderate voices, and share strategies on countering the radicalization of Muslim youth.

"The common denominator among every assignment is to promote the interests of the United States overseas," Quesada explained. "(Officers) swear to uphold the Constitution, and service to country is paramount."

Allegiance also requires sublimating personal political views. "I was in Morocco when the United States invaded Iraq and Afghanistan," she recalled, "and I had to defend the Bush administration's policies without any indication of my own views."

"The international landscape changes with every administration, and foreign service officers must be experts and generalists at the same time. Those who succeed don't just go through the motions and check off the boxes."

"Rather, they are individuals who truly love what they do."

LIFE-CHANGER

Among assignments that spanned the world, serving as deputy senior civilian representative (SCR) of the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Herat, Afghanistan, from 2010 to 2011 was an experience that challenged Quesada's bravery and left an indelible mark—personally and professionally.

Following a year in training to learn the Dari language, Quesada and a team that included four State Department officers lived on an Italian military base in Herat, which was situated near the Iranian border. Their mission: to open a consulate in Herat that would give the United States a permanent presence there. Major obstacles included an extremely hostile Iranian consulate, also located in Herat. Training, therefore, was intense: Quesada learned to fire an AK-47 assault rifle, drive an armored truck, and escape when surrounded

"At that time, we were optimistic that Afghanistan would stabilize and the US could start withdrawing," Quesada explained. "We were in the process of refurbishing a hotel to serve as the consulate, but every time we got close to opening, the structure would be attacked by Taliban forces to the south." There was also a truck-bombing attack on the Italian military base. Quesada was off-site at the time, but the tragic attack killed an Afghan interpreter.

Another duty as the team's SCR was to monitor United States-government-funded grants to civil society, a portion of which went to advancing women's legal rights in the Afghan provinces. This responsibility was the conduit that led Quesada to Maria Bashir, the only woman serving as chief prosecutor in any of Afghanistan's 34 provinces. The two first met when Bashir was leading a USAID-funded project to establish an anti-violence unit in Herat Province and to train local prosecutors on how to successfully pursue anyone committing violent crimes against women.

"Because of Maria's advocacy for equal rights for women in the Afghan justice system, her tireless prosecution of families that abused women, and her pursuit of corrupt local government officials, she had many enemies and was targeted for death by the Taliban," Quesada said. "The US government was providing for her security, and we were monitoring the effectiveness of the protective measures to keep her alive."

Quesada spent many hours with Bashir, joining her for dinner in her home, or visiting her office where she watched and listened as Bashir patiently met with hundreds of people who sat in long lines for a chance to ask for her help with their legal cases. In 2010, Quesada nominated Bashir for Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's Woman of Courage Award, and was thrilled when she received the honor, presented to her by Clinton and First Lady Michelle Obama in 2011.

Throughout their time together, the two also connected on a personal level.

"The Taliban were constantly threatening to kidnap Maria and kill her children, so she had sent her two sons and daughter to live with relatives in Europe for their own safety," Quesada says. "She was always very emotional when she talked about them, and often asked me whether I thought she was a terrible mother."

"Maria had a rare courage and sense of duty to her country. No one else was as well-placed to work for equal representation for women before the law, and she knew if she left Afghanistan many would lose hope."

"I believe she is a woman who would have loved to divide her time between meaningful work and raising a family. But the historic time and place she was born in gave her no choice but to fight for her children's right to live a normal life someday in the country she loves."

PASSING THE TORCH

Following an "exhilarating but exhausting" year in Afghanistan, Quesada next spent three years in Marseilles, France, as consul general. In broad terms, the mission included advancing French/American relations by strengthening economic ties and enhancing mutual understanding between French and US citizens through cultural exchange programs. The specific challenge, however, was to lead a talented team of 20 American and French employees to create specific programs tailored to a region spanning 30,000 square miles—and to do so with limited resources.

"I had been head of a section within the embassy before but never the sole and very visible leader of a consulate," Quesada said. "This assignment made me dig deep and challenged me to think in ways that had nothing to do with what I personally wanted to accomplish. Rather, I thought in terms of what we wanted to accomplish for US interests in France and how I could inspire this team to work together."

Quesada feels her greatest accomplishment as consul general was uniting French and US authorities to combat violent extremism in their respective countries. She

established an exchange program between law enforcement and civil society activists in Marseilles, Orlando, and Tampa. The initiative focused on sharing best practices for combating extremism in young people based on similar experiences and challenges in these three cities. Quesada's model is now used as a template for exchanges between other US and European cities.

From France, Quesada came full circle: accepting a position in the United States. And in her current position as diplomat in residence, her message to aspiring professionals will fuse professional and personal perspectives.

"As a recruiter, I'll speak in great depth about how to find the right career track within the Foreign Service," she said. "Personally, I've been constantly challenged to go beyond what I thought I could do. Women, in particular, tend to under-value their capabilities. But I've found when I throw myself into something that intimidates me, I learn to dominate it and turn it around. I've always grown."

After two years as DIR, Quesada will segue to reservist, replacing officers whenever there's a short-term gap. And despite decades of travel, there are still destinations on her civilian bucket list: Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, and a return visit to Venezuela.

"If it ever becomes safe to do so, I'd also like to go back to Afghanistan and focus on educating young girls," she says. "I believe that's the key to balancing Afghan society—educating the half of the population that's not being allowed to advance."

Headquartered in south Florida will also afford opportunities to enjoy off-duty hobbies, which include photography and scuba diving.

"This assignment is a very rewarding way to segue into the end of my career," she says. "It's wonderful to give back to an institution I respect by sharing my international experiences and my passion for Foreign Service."

For more information about careers in the US Foreign Service, go to: www.careers.state.gov/connect/.



The Consulate General exiting the USS Arlington in 2016.

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"My father is a teacher, and his job allowed him to spend his summers driving us across the country. During these trips, I enjoyed seeing many different places in the United States and Canada. When I think of the ELC position, I think of the women from all over the world who are brought together by their bond in Theta."



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"I am thankful for the countless women who have inspired me throughout this organization, and look forward to the many more I still haven't met. I hope to continue developing myself through this opportunity in sisterhood and cannot wait for what this year holds."



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"During the first semester of my freshman year, I decided at the last minute to go through the recruitment process. I am so thankful that I did! After the first round, I fell in love with Theta. As an ELC, I am grateful to have the opportunity to give back to an organization that has developed me into the person I am today."



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*In October, Kassie joined Theta's staff as associate director of chapter services



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“My Theta story began at the beginning of my junior year, when I joined as a charter class member. Last year, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to serve the Fraternity by establishing the Theta Mu Chapter at Mines, and this year, I will be based at the newly reestablished Epsilon Nu Chapter at Virginia Tech providing continuous support.”

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“Since my freshman year, serving as an educational leadership consultant for Kappa Alpha Theta has been my dream job! I love the fast-paced lifestyle of meeting amazing new Theta women, building relationships, and working with leading women across the United States and Canada.”

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Traveling full-time

“This year, I will be traveling full-time as an ELC, and I could not be more excited! I cannot wait to spread my wings and make a lot of connections.”

**STEPHANIE MCNUTT, BT/
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“I am forever grateful for the incredible opportunities, friendships, and experiences Kappa Alpha Theta has extended. I feel so lucky to be serving the Fraternity as a second-year support consultant based at Theta Nu in Atlanta.”

**AMANDA MODLOFF,
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“I am beyond thankful each day for this job. The friendships and experiences I am forming are once in a lifetime. I cannot wait to work with collegians and inspire my sisters to advance in leadership, self-discovery, and achieve their dreams—which, in turn, is my own dream come true.”

**JORDAN QADDOURAH,
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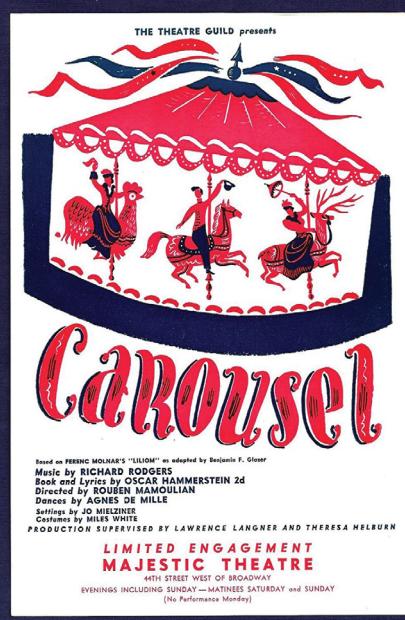
“I could not be happier that my Theta journey has led me to serve our Fraternity as a full-time traveling ELC! Although this year will be full of changes, I know some truly amazing experiences and exciting travels are ahead of me.”

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“I joined Kappa Alpha Theta in the fall of my sophomore year, and it quickly became the place where I devoted the majority of my time. I am so blessed to get this chance to give back to the Fraternity that has given so much to me.”





AGNES DE MILLE: DANCING THROUGH LIFE

BY ELLE BENAK, ΓΔ/OHIO WESLEYAN

While looking through the Notable Thetas list on the Heritage website, I noticed so many amazing women who had chosen career paths in the performing arts. Compelled by my love of dance and theatre, I began to learn more about these women, one of whom is **Agnes de Mille**, a choreographer and dancer. I was completely swept away by her wit and charisma that jumped off the paper as I researched her life.

Agnes was born in 1905 in New York City to William C. de Mille and Anna de Mille. Her parentage is important because her family was full of theater professionals. Her father and uncle, Cecil B. DeMille, were playwrights and directors for both film and stage.

Agnes was originally not allowed to take ballet lessons because, at that time, dance was seen as a profession for showgirls, not women from “nice families.” Agnes was finally allowed to sign up for lessons because her little sister needed them to fix a physical problem. At age 14, Agnes was late in starting a dance career, but she didn’t let that stop her. In fact, her career would be paved with many road bumps, not one of which stopped her.

Agnes attended UCLA with the intention of obtaining a degree in English, but she stayed involved in dance and theater. Again she was discouraged from becoming a dancer because she was not seen as having the beauty usually associated with ballerinas. Her teachers, however, commended her acting abilities. In 1925, Agnes became a member of **Beta Xi Chapter** at UCLA.

After college, Agnes moved back to New York City and eventually to London for more dance opportunities and training. Her style was more interpretive and character-driven than traditional ballet. It has been described as movement that replaces speech and creates a dialogue between characters on stage.

Agnes struggled professionally until she became involved with the American Ballet Company, in which she was a choreographer as well as a performer. Her first successful piece, *The Three Virgins and the Devil*, is still performed today.

In 1942, Agnes had her first great success with a ballet called *Rodeo*, a piece designed to illuminate the “American Spirit.”

And it was thanks to *Rodeo* that Agnes got her job with Rodgers and Hammerstein. The two men had seen *Rodeo* and wanted Agnes to choreograph their new show *Oklahoma*. The musical opened on Broadway, ran for five years, and continues to be revived today.

After *Oklahoma*, Agnes choreographed *Carousel*, *Allegro*, *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, and many more musicals. She also continued to create ballets for the American Ballet Theater.

Throughout her career, Agnes remained passionate about the subject she had studied in college: English. By the end of her life, she had written 12 books, including autobiographies, histories of dance, and advice on dancing. One, called *Portrait Gallery*, is a snapshot of the lives of entertainment figures she encountered while growing up.

In fact, several of Agnes’s books were reviewed in the Theta magazine, and copies of them rest on the bookshelves of the boardroom at Theta headquarters. We also know from the magazine that Agnes visited Theta college chapters while professionally touring and was involved in the New York City Alumnae Chapter.

In 1975, Agnes suffered a stroke right before going on stage to give a lecture, “Conversations About the Dance.” Afterward, she was paralyzed on the right side of her body, but she refused to stop working. She wrote five of her books after the stroke and restaged many of her original numbers from her wheelchair or her bed.

In her lifetime, Agnes earned 17 honorary degrees, two Tony Awards, and an Emmy. She was also awarded New York City’s Handel Medallion, which is the highest honor the city can bestow upon a citizen, as well as the Kennedy Center Honor.

Although she was never considered a “traditional” ballerina and was advised by many to give up on dance, Agnes de Mille worked hard to achieve her success. She committed herself to the art she loved, despite obstacles and setbacks, and personified the qualities of a leading woman.

Elle Benak worked in the Theta archives as an intern during the summer. In May 2018, she will graduate from **Ohio Wesleyan** with a degree in history and a minor in business and women and gender studies. For the past 15 years, she has studied dance and was also heavily involved in her high school drama club.

EARLY CHOREOGRAPHED SHOWS

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Oklahoma

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Gentlemen Prefer Blondes

AWARDS & HONORS

17 honorary degrees

2 Tony Awards

Emmy

New York City's Handel Medallion

Kennedy Center Honor

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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF WOMEN AT DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

2017 marks the 150th anniversary of the admittance of women to DePauw University. For Theta, this anniversary is particularly important because two of the first four to graduate were two of our founders, Bettie Locke and Alice Allen. Two Thetas from the Alpha Chapter at DePauw—Kylie Morris and Kayla Kottra—worked with Wes Wilson, director of archives and special collections at DePauw, to install an exhibit in the Roy O. West Library. It looks at the four women who first graduated from Indiana Asbury (now DePauw) and what it was like to be a female student during those days.



From left to right: Laura Beswick McKaig, Alice Allen Brant, Mary Simmons Crawford, Bettie Locke Hamilton.

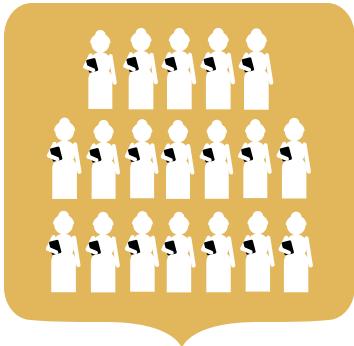


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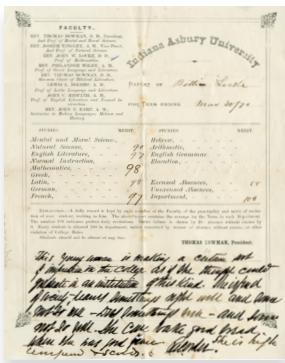
Classes began at 8 AM, and all classes
were finished by noon each day.



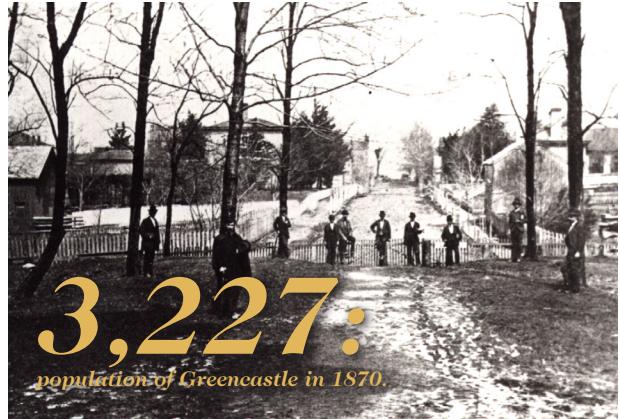
**Only 7/10ths of 1% of women between
18–21 attended college in 1870.**



Bettie Locke's
Report Card from
Indiana Asbury
University.



In 1870, there were 19 women
on Indiana Asbury's campus.



3,227:
population of Greencastle in 1870.

And now the announcement that the *Young Ladies' Literary Society* of Asbury will furnish our citizens with a course of lectures by Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Livermore, completes the discomfiture of the "anti-females." It sounds decidedly refreshing, and marks a progressive step in the history of Old Asbury that is both pleasing and instructive. Female mind backed by female pluck, has conquered this time.

Notice of forthcoming lecture by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, noted suffragette leader, December 1870, at Indiana Asbury.

For More Content

Visit the virtual exhibit on the Kappa Alpha Theta Heritage site, which expands upon the physical exhibit at the Roy O. West Library at DePauw.

Read more about the time in the blog post *150 Years Ago: The First Women of DePauw*, also on the Theta Heritage site.



— PREPARE FOR THE UNEXPECTED

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BY LISA GEBKEN THIBAUT, EI/WESTMINSTER

Just like having a working smoke detector makes sense, preparing for other unexpected emergencies makes sense. The likelihood that you and your family will survive a house fire depends as much on having that functional smoke detector and an exit strategy as it does on a well-trained fire department. The same is true for surviving other emergencies. We must have tools and plans in place, and here are some tips to help.

1. Assemble a kit of emergency supplies. Be prepared to cope without utilities for at least three days, maybe longer. Think first about fresh water, food, and clean air.

You'll need a gallon of water per person per day for drinking and sanitation. You'll also need a three-day supply of non-perishable foods that are easy to store and prepare, such as protein bars, dried fruit, and canned foods. A battery-powered or hand-crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both are important supplies, as are blankets, flashlights, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, local maps, a can opener, a whistle to signal for help, moist towelettes, and garbage bags. Don't forget about your pets! They also need food and water for three days.

2. Make a plan for what you will do in an emergency. Develop a family communications plan. Your family may not be together when a disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another and review what you will do in different situations. Consider a plan where each family member calls or emails the same friend or relative in the event of an emergency.

• Create a plan to shelter-in-place. If you see large amounts of debris in the air, or if local authori-

ties say the air is contaminated, you may want to shelter-in-place and seal the room. Consider precutting plastic sheeting to seal windows, doors, and air vents.

- Create a plan to get away.** Where will your family assemble and where will you go? Choose several destinations in different directions so you have options in an emergency. Become familiar with alternative driving routes as well as other means of transportation.

- Know emergency plans at school and work.** Talk to your children's schools and your employer about emergency plans.

3. Be informed about possible emergencies. Some of the things you can do to prepare for the unexpected, such as assembling a supply kit and developing a family communications plan, are the same for both a natural or man-made emergency. Learning about different types of disasters, such as floods or tornados, will impact the decisions you make and the actions you take. Go to www.ready.gov to learn more about each type of hazard.

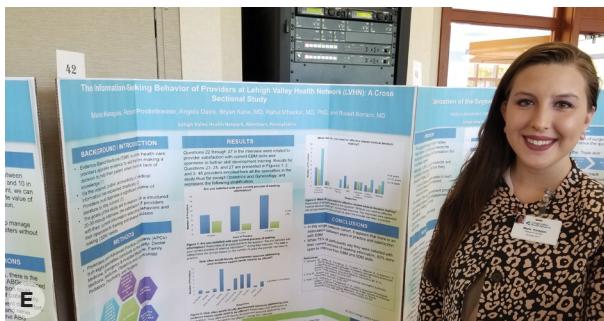
4. Get involved in preparing your community. After preparing yourself and your family for possible emergencies, take the next step and get involved in preparing your community. Educate your neighbors, friends, and fellow employees on how they can prepare for emergencies. Join a Citizen Corps group to help make your community safer, stronger, and better prepared. Go to www.citizencorps.gov for more information and to get involved.



Meghan Luke Breitenbach,
Γ/BUTLER

Do you know (or know another Theta who knows) how to do something better?

If so, please contact Lisa Thibault, website content manager/digital analyst, lthibault@kappaalphatheta.org. We'd love to hear from you!



COLLEGE & ALUMNAE

A The Omaha Alumnae Chapter awards a scholarship each year to a Theta from the Omaha area who is attending a midwest-area college or university. The recipient receives \$750 and a Theta Life Loyal membership. This year's recipient is Courtney Warren, **Epsilon Phi/Chicago!** Omaha Alumnae Chapter Vice President Morgan Demmel Goethel (left) and Omaha Alumnae Chapter President Charissa Hauge Hansen (right), both **Rho/Nebraska**, celebrated with Warren (center) at lunch.

B Kelsey Ullom, Emma Sparks, Rachel Vinciguerra, Kate Raulin, Brenda Gable, and Lizzy Wynne, all members of **Gamma deuteron** at **Ohio Wesleyan**, captured this photo at Pwoje Espwa (Project Hope) orphanage in Les Cayes, Haiti. For the past three

years, two **Gamma deuteron** members have served as volunteer coordinators, managing service trips to the orphanage for year-long terms. In May, all six were in Haiti to host a summer camp for pre-teen and teenage girls at the orphanage. During the camp, the six Thetas conducted a curriculum that included topics such as self-esteem, goal-setting, non-violent communication, self-expression, skills training, and female empowerment.

C Members of the **Beta Theta Chapter** at Idaho hosted a CASA Carnival!

D Three alumnae cheered for the Nashville Predators during the fourth game of the Stanley Cup Finals: **Amy Adams Strunk, AΘ/Texas;** **Chrissie Garrett Haslam, ΔΖ/Emory;** and **Kim Harvey Looney, ΔΠ/Tennessee.**

E Maria Karagias, EP/Lehigh, completed an internship as a research scholar through the Lehigh Valley Health Network. She worked on an evidence-based study which analyzed how, when, and where providers seek medical information as it relates to patient care. Karagias is pictured here with a display she created to explain her work.

F Ellygia Koenig Banks, ΑΠ/North Dakota; Trish Davis Graves, BA/William & Mary; and Jillian Matthias Kyde, HI/San Diego, enjoyed a flowerpot chocolate cake at the Wynn Las Vegas resort.



ALUMNAE CHAPTERS & GROUPS

G Columbus alumnae enjoyed a luncheon in April. Pictured are Joan Huber, $\text{B}\Phi/\text{Penn State}$; Pam Hecker Gaulipault, $\text{B}\Delta/\text{William & Mary}$; Barb Dutton Lewis, $\text{B}\text{\textendash}/\text{Indiana}$; Betsy Townsend Zahn, $\text{A}\Gamma/\text{Ohio State}$; Jane Loren Sedgwick, $\text{A}\Gamma/\text{Ohio State}$; Marjorie Reinert Bohl, $\text{A}\Gamma/\text{Ohio State}$; Jan Wright Barrett, $\text{B}\text{\textendash}/\text{Denison}$; Martha Hodge Noreault, $\Gamma^\Delta/\text{Ohio Wesleyan}$; Amy Kotte Hersch, $\text{A}\Gamma/\text{Cincinnati}$; Janet Lowman Fox, $\Gamma\text{Y}/\text{Miami}$; Marcy Miller, $\text{G}\text{\textendash}/\text{Maryland}$; Bev Payne Epps, $\Gamma\text{Y}/\text{Miami}$; Sally Bell Riebel, $\text{A}\Gamma/\text{Ohio State}$; Barbara Young Sipp, $\text{A}\Gamma/\text{Ohio State}$; Rachel Buchanan Timmons, $\text{A}\Gamma/\text{Ohio State}$; Millie Jenkins McVey, $\text{A}\Gamma/\text{Ohio State}$; Brenda Dorn Conard, $\text{A}\Gamma/\text{Ohio State}$; and Laurie McGregor Connor, $\Gamma^\Delta/\text{Ohio Wesleyan}$.

H Beth Sartor Obermeyer, $\Gamma\text{I}/\text{Iowa State}$, was the keynote speaker at Upsilon/Minnesota's Founders Day celebration. She also enjoyed the company of two Gamma Pi sisters, Sue Hetzel Kolbe and Gwen Henderson Dahlberg.

I When 75-year Theta Billie Kolb Youngblood-Knolle, $\text{Upsilon}/\text{Minnesota}$, arrived at the Pasadena Alumnae Chapter welcome-back event in Theta garb, she epitomized "Theta for a lifetime" for chapter members.

J Members of the Hill Country Alumnae Chapter helped assemble more than 80 wreaths to be placed on the Admiral Nimitz Museum of the Pacific War on Memorial Day weekend. This is becoming an annual philanthropic project for the chapter. Pictured are Barbara Schmidt Heinen, $\Gamma\Psi/\text{TCU}$; Diane McIntyre Evans, $\text{AM}/\text{Missouri}$; Maryln Ashley, $\text{A}\Theta/\text{Texas}$; Pris Nichols Williams, $\Gamma\Phi/\text{Texas Tech}$; Kaitlin Skelly Huizina, EE/Baylor ; Sara Ince Hamilton, $\Gamma\Phi/\text{Texas Tech}$; Louise Teasdale Larson, $\Gamma\Psi/\text{TCU}$; Susie Heller Thompson, $\text{AO}/\text{Oklahoma}$; Janet McDonald Smiljanic, $\text{A}\Phi/\text{Tulane}$; Ginny Thorn Thomason, $\text{B}\Sigma/\text{SMU}$; and Deb Hartgrove Hofmann, $\Gamma\Psi/\text{TCU}$.



REUNIONS

A Alumnae members of **Gamma Mu/Maryland** gathered for the chapter's 70th reunion. Pictured are reunion committee members **Sarah Abplanalp Bourne**, **Carol Edwards**, **Leslie Davis Brown Savary**, **Sue Laffan Thompson**, **Lisa Claps Usher**, **Janice Wright Waikus**, and **Valerie Leimbach Wooldridge**.

B Alumnae members from **AΘ/Texas** got together for their 10-year reunion in Austin.

C Alumnae and collegians from the **Gamma Nu Chapter** at **North Dakota State** helped alumnae from the Phi Chapter of Theta Chi Fraternity celebrate 100 years on the North Dakota State campus.

D Kay Lowes Newell, Tricia Ellis Eckel, Jeff Seward Bellows, Judy Bernet Evans, Marilyn Kurtz Parker, Peggy Warner, and Mary Lincoln Campbell, all alumnae of the **Alpha Chi Chapter** at **Purdue**, gathered in Glen Lake, Wisconsin in August.



More than 90 alumnae members of **Beta Zeta/Oklahoma State** reunited at the Beta Zeta chapter house in June.

THETA AUTHORS

THETAS OF NOTE



Celeste Murphy Greene, BE/UCLA, received the Adelle F. Robertson Award from the University of Virginia. The award is named for the school's first woman dean, and

the faculty member chosen to receive it embodies the high standards that Adelle F. Robertson also exemplified. Greene is an assistant professor overseeing graduate certificates in leadership, project management, and public administration; she also teaches public administration.



Melanie Lazaro Flores, ZM/MIT, spoke at TEDx Jacksonville in October. Flores has created a child-friendly version of an MIT course that has received national

media coverage, and she spoke about how children challenge our perceptions of what they are capable of when storytelling, imagination, and design-thinking converge.



Dr. C. Leilani Valdes, ΔZ/Emory, was named a Health Hero by the Texas Medical Association for her commitment to improving the health of her community. She was

one of only four physicians honored with the award.



Accounting major **Blair Beale, CEO of the Beta Zeta Chapter at Oklahoma State,** was awarded a scholarship from the Public Company Account Oversight

Board (PCAPB). This merit award is intended to encourage undergraduate and graduate students to pursue careers in audit. Photo courtesy of Dollie Elliot and the Spears School of Business.



of the university.

Vicki Laughlin McCluggage, O/USC, was recently honored by the University of Southern California for her dedication and service as a volunteer on behalf



Tampa. She has been at the university for more than 18 years, at the forefront of advancing positive change for students, setting agendas that include diversity and inclusion initiatives, and encouraging a robust assessment system of all areas under her direction.



Several years ago, **Kelly Fitzgibbon O'Malley ΓT/Tulsa,** had an innovative idea. She launched ROBN (Reimagined Old Boys Network), a network for brand/public relations/marketing professionals who happen to be women. Participants have identified new talent, new positions, new partners, and/or new thinking to overcome a challenge.



Kristin Barton, ΔΩ/Texas A&M, recently opened her own spa in Dallas. She worked for more than 10 years to develop the business, acting as her own interior designer, project manager, and service creator. Photo credit: Heather Hawkins.



Emily Hepp, HΣ/Chapman, released her book, *She Is More Than the Freshman Fifteen*. It includes 15 life lessons for young women about to go to college. She discusses her positive experience in Greek life, choosing a major, getting homesick, and much more.



Bryn Millholland Mooth, B/Indiana, authored *The Findlay Market Cookbook*, which celebrates the food, people, and legacy of Findlay Market in Ohio. Mooth is a journalist and copywriter focused on food, wellness, design, and creativity, and has showcased these passions in her 20-plus-year career in publishing.

Jody Robbins, BE/Alberta, has written her first book, *25 Places in Canada Every Family Should Visit*. It's billed as the ultimate guide to family travel in Canada, offering information on affordable hotels and attractions, as well as interesting and kid-friendly facts. Robbins also has a blog called *TravelswithBaggage.com* that features lifestyle tips and inspiration.

Amanda Caldwell, ΔΩ/Texas A&M, recently wrote a book called *Meanwhile: What To Do While You Wait*. It's geared toward women in the 20-something post-college stage of life and how to find contentment in the in-between of jobs, cities, dating, and more.



Gayle Gerlach Stewart, AO/Oklahoma, has written *100 Horses in History—True Stories of Horses Who Shaped Our World*. The book celebrates horses made famous by their own talents and features stories about famous events as seen through the eyes of horses who were there.



Katie Smith Matisson, AΦ/Tulane, published *The Slip*, a legal thriller in which a deep-sea diver is killed shortly after discovering buried treasure, and an international legal battle over the rights to the treasure ensues. Matisson is also a practicing maritime attorney and shareholder in a Seattle law firm.

Kelly Sokol, ZO/Wake Forest, wrote the novel *The Unprotected*. It's been described as a compelling debut novel exploring postpartum depression.



Sheila Sells Smith, ΔΥ/Eastern Kentucky, wrote the children's book *The Perfect Shade of Pink*, which is a story that offers valuable lessons about unconditional love, forgiveness, and accepting yourself.



Refugee of the Heart, by **Jane VanGronigen Iwan, ΓΙ/Iowa State**, combines historical romance and intrigue in Shanghai before and during World War II. The author lived in Hong Kong for five years, where she met individuals whose life stories inspired her to write this novel.

THE POWER OF THE PROFESSOR

THE POWER OF THE PROFESSOR IS STRONG ... IN SO MANY WAYS. SHE HAS THE POWER NOT ONLY TO ASSIGN AND SUBMIT GRADES, BUT ALSO TO IMPACT A STUDENT IN A PROFOUND AND PERSONAL MANNER: TO STIR A PASSION FOR A PARTICULAR SUBJECT, RESEARCH TOPIC, OR LEARNING EXPERIENCE, TO INSPIRE A YOUNG PERSON TO SELECT A MAJOR AND THEREBY INFLUENCE A CAREER PATH AND HER FUTURE.

THETA CHAPTERS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE FACULTY MEMBERS WHO HAVE INFLUENCED STUDENTS AND MADE A DIFFERENCE ON CAMPUS. NOW IN ITS SIXTH YEAR, OUR OUTSTANDING FACULTY AWARD IS A WONDERFUL WAY TO HIGHLIGHT THOSE WHO GO THE EXTRA MILE, LIGHT A SPARK OF INTEREST, OR CHALLENGE GROWTH. CHAPTER MEMBERS RECOMMEND A PROFESSOR BASED ON THE FOUR POINTS OF THE THETA KITE: INTELLECTUAL CURIOSITY, LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL, COMMITMENT TO SERVICE, AND PERSONAL EXCELLENCE.

BECKY BARKER, EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP & POLICY STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Nominated by the Alpha Omicron Chapter

"Dr. Barker works tirelessly to create leadership moments for students. Even more than the incredible programs she creates and the inspiring instructor she is in the classroom, she has a special way of providing students with direction and encouragement while challenging them to be the best versions of themselves."



SHERRYL BROVERMAN, BIOLOGY, DUKE UNIVERSITY

Nominated by the Beta Rho Chapter

"Dr. Broverman teaches various courses at Duke that have been taken and beloved by many members of Beta Rho. She has also touched the lives of our members in many other ways, and her commitment to civic engagement has been truly contagious."



GREG GHIO, COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

Nominated by the Eta Iota Chapter

"Ghio's public speaking course is as much about developing your own voice as it is engaging with culturally relevant topics. We utilize our college years to develop as leading women; Ghio values what we have to say and encourages us to voice our opinions in every situation—whether it's in his classroom or out in the world."



BARBARA GURR, WOMEN'S, GENDER, AND SEXUALITY STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT

Nominated by the Gamma Zeta Chapter

"Professor Gurr is the epitome of Theta's aspirations for a leading woman. Whether she is expanding options and opportunities for gender minorities at UConn or teaching courses on topics that are difficult for the privileged to speak about, she truly cares about equality and rights for all."



MEE-AE KIM, HISTORY, COLLEGE OF IDAHO

Nominated by the Eta Eta Chapter

"Dr. Kim exemplifies intellectual curiosity in her life and instills it in her students as well. Yet she also finds time to contribute to the College of Idaho community. If she were going through recruitment, she would meet all four points of the kite and extend beyond them."



SEAN NICHOLSON, POLICY ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Nominated by the Iota Chapter

"Dr. Nicholson combines structured material with entertaining news clips and videos, motivating students with his passions and entertaining with his humor. By providing a non-partisan approach, Professor Nicholson empowers students to form their own opinions, igniting intrinsic motivation."



MEGHAN PORTER, CHEMISTRY, INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Nominated by the Beta Chapter

"Dr. Porter exemplifies personal excellence and sets a high standard of what it should look like in and out of the classroom. She not only demonstrates the essence of intellectual curiosity, she also passes a love of higher education to her students as well."



EMILY PADDON RHOADS, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Nominated by the Alpha Beta Chapter

"Dr. Rhoads continually engages with her students, ensuring that they understand the subject matter and are in good mental and physical health. She has done years of humanitarian work in west equatorial Africa, so she is well aware of humanitarian rights and violations and introduces her students to another approach to global political conflicts."



DRUCILLA RONCHEN, LINGUISTICS, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Nominated by the Epsilon Phi Chapter

"Drucilla Ronchen has shown exceptional passion and dedication for her students over the years, and she showcases courage and commitment to her students every day. She has had a lasting impact on many women in our chapter."



AMY RYKEN, EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND

Nominated by the Delta Iota Chapter

"At our faculty appreciation event, Dean Ryken spoke about the intersectionality and tension between her identities as a woman, a woman in a leadership role, and an introvert and how she's learned to use these as strengths. She is a true picture of what our members strive to be: strong leading women."



A notice of the death of a Theta sister may be sent to Gretchen Brown, membership coordinator. (Her contact information may be found on page 2.) A published death notice, whether print or electronic, is appreciated.

A/DEPAUW

Jeannine Spangler Triebel; 1948, July 2017
Shirley Crisler Williams; 1947, July 2017

T/BUTLER

Helen Ellis Davis; 1937, Aug. 2017
Christine Keiser Groome; 1964, Sept. 2017
Sandra Pennock Harrell; 1957, March 2017
Elizabeth Frazer Kiser; 1934, Aug. 2017
Catherine Nelson Simmons; 1949, June 2017

H/MICHIGAN

Ruth Raymond Diefenbach; 1969, Sept. 2017
Aleen Allsop Mathews; 1951, Jan. 2017

T^Δ/OHIO WESLEYAN

Carma Calhoun Hume; 1958, July 2017

O/USC

Nicole P. Campbell; 2001, Aug. 2017
Janet Wilkinson Johnston; 1945, Sept. 2016
Linda Gioga Kennedy; 1963, June 2016
Constance Beckwith Linden; 1962, July 2017

P/NEBRASKA

Patricia E. Jorn; 1962, Aug. 2017

T/NORTHWESTERN

Helen Arnold Kent; 1950, Sept. 2017

Y/MINNESOTA

Patricia Gillespie Leer; 1950, June 2017

X/SYRACUSE

Betsy Murray Altman; 1946, May 2017
Janet Hallock Reed; 1946, July 2017

Ψ/WISCONSIN

Carolyn Winterson Fanning; 1947, April 2017
Marjorie Rowe Keppler; 1944, Sept. 2016

Ω/UC BERKELEY

Katharine Hotchkiss Johnson; 1943, Dec. 2016

ΑΓ/OHIO STATE

Diane Walters Hearne; 1959, Aug. 2017
Cheryl Longnecker Martin; 1988, Dec. 2015
Kathleen M. Shea; 1965, Aug. 2017

ΔΔ/GOUCHER

Midge McGrath Cassidy; 1945, Jan. 2017

AH/VANDERBILT

Karin Dale Coble; 1953, Aug. 2017
Mary Walker Dale; 1942, July 2017
Jane Edwards Entrekin; 1948, Sept. 2017
Mary Lee Mathews Manier; 1943, Aug. 2017
Martha Mann Morrow; 1957, March 2016

ΑΘ/TEXAS

Jean Todd Bell; 1957, Sept. 2017
Norma Dolley Kennedy; 1947, July 2017
Mary Margaret Finnegan McDonald; 1939, Sept. 2017

AI/WASHINGTON-ST. LOUIS

Cecelia Ramsey Raines; 1943, Aug. 2017

AM/MISSOURI

Norma Herring Brown; 1944, Aug. 2017
Nancy Lingafelter West; 1974, June 2017

AN/MONTANA

Carol Cushman Keim; 1953, May 2016
Denise Felt Lutes; 1948, Jan. 2017
Kathryn Huffman Will; 1956, May 2017

ΑΞ/OREGON

Susan McEwen Albee; 1962, July 2017

AO/OKLAHOMA

Patricia Thompson Jones; 1939, Aug. 2017
Erin Malone Van Horn; 1995, July 2017
Betsy Douglass White; 1948, Sept. 2017

AP/SOUTH DAKOTA

Jodi L. Bartell; 1992, Sept. 2017
Kathleen Gutzman Nenaber; 1969, May 2016

Y/WASHINGTON STATE

Patricia Sheely Conley; 1949, June 2017
Janet Martin Gadsby; 1945, May 2017
Patricia Scheer Heller; 1945, Oct. 2016

AT/CINCINNATI

Lois Taylor Hayden; 1951, June 2017
Laura Cowhard Herring; 1978, Sept. 2017

AX/PURDUE

Janet Myers Harless; 1956, Sept. 2016
Althea Jorgeson Kendall; 1937, Oct. 2016
Dorothy Emerson Sinnott; 1967, July 2017
Julaine Kraay Ziegert; 1964, June 2017

ΑΨ/LAWRENCE

Marjorie Harkins Kiewit; 1940, Nov. 2016

ΒΓ/COLORADO STATE

Marilyn Maxwell Clausen; 1950, Sept. 2017
Caroline O'Brien; 1946, July 2017
Amy Avery Turner; 1936, March 2017

BZ/OKLAHOMA STATE

Marybelle Wortman Spangler; 1946, July 2017

BH/PENNSYLVANIA

Marcia Lewis Pennington; 1942, Sept. 2017

BI/COLORADO

Carol Bailey Sims; 1976, Jan. 2017

ΒΔ/WILLIAM & MARY

Eleanor Holden Becker; 1943, Oct. 2016
Ellen Merrill Calvert; 1954, July 2017

BN/FLORIDA STATE

Rozel Swain; 1974, Sept. 2017

ΒΞ/UCLA

Katherine Martin McKay; 1946, Aug. 2017

ΒΠ/MICHIGAN STATE

Dawn Schaeffer Bilton; 1957, Aug. 2017
Susan Korpi Marshall; 1963, Nov. 2016

BP/DUKE

Allison Stankavage Morris; 2005, July 2017

ΒΣ/SMU

Edna Jo Woodward Davis; 1948, July 2017
Virginia Dale Streeter Jackson; 1972, Aug. 2017
Ann Day Marshall; 1951, Feb. 2017
Karen Davis Roberts; 1980, May 2017

BT/DENISON

Janet Martz Kraegel; 1943, Sept. 2016
Martha Funk Miller; 1954, May 2016
Mary Helen Ayars Ray; 1955, Sept. 2017
Katharine Strome Richards; 1964, July 2017

ΒΦ/PENN STATE

Katharine Beaver Hilton; 1937, June 2017
Beverley Ferrier Moore; 1963, Aug. 2017

ΒΨ/MCGILL

Anne Hughes; 1942, Jan. 2017

ΓΖ/CONNECTICUT

Elinor Yergason Moquet; 1944, Jan. 2016

ΓΙ/KENTUCKY

Charlotte Nelson Jones; 1955, July 2017
Sherry Cobb Moore; 1973, Sept. 2017

ΓΜ/MARYLAND

Mary Lakeman Aylward; 1948, Sept. 2017

ΓΠ/IOWA STATE

Dorothy Kelleher Bredar; 1944, July 2017

ΓΨ/TCU

Suzanne Coleman; 1966, July 2017
Lana Wells Collier; 1961, July 2017
Constance Harrington Coolik; 1969, Aug. 2017

ΓΩ/AUBURN

Anne Gardner Collins; 1973, Sept. 2017

ΔΔ/WHITMAN

Elaine White Raines; 1967, July 2017

ΔΘ/FLORIDA

Molly Bullard McRae; 1976, Sept. 2017

ΔΚ/LSU

Susan Supple Afeman; 1969, July 2017

ΔΞ/NORTH CAROLINA

Maxine Pugh MacLamroc; 1967, July 2017

ΔΣ/BALL STATE

Barbara Davis King; 1983, July 2017

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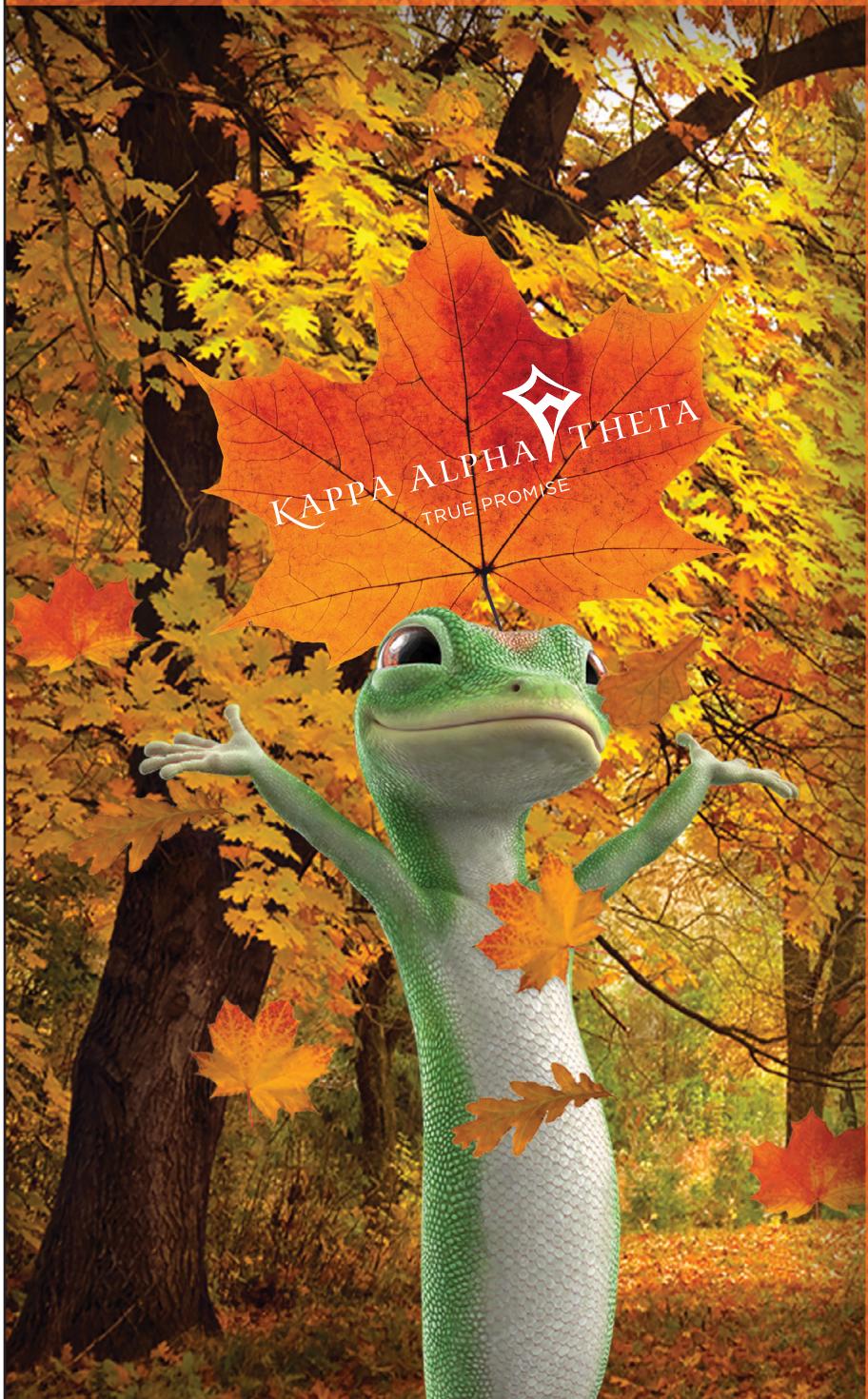
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